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Dear Fellows

Appointment of next Academy Registrar: call for nominations

I am delighted to write to you on behalf of Council to seek nominations for Registrar of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

As you may already be aware, Professor Philippa Saunders FRSE FMedSci will be stepping down as Registrar of the Academy at Admissions Day in July 2021 following a highly successful 5-year term of office in which she has overseen the growth of an increasingly diverse Fellowship and the development of a portfolio of innovative programmes to support and inspire young researchers.

We are now looking to elect a new Registrar with the leadership skills and commitment to build on these achievements. The Academy's Fellows are at the heart of what we do and all we stand for and the Registrar is responsible for ensuring our Fellowship body is in keeping with the Academy's ambition of being modern, diverse and progressive. As well as upholding the integrity and transparency of the process by which Fellows are elected, the next Registrar will lead our work to overhaul our nomination processes so that we fully embed diversity in terms of geography and discipline, clinical and non-clinical, as well as protected characteristics.

The new Registrar will also be expected to bring drive and energy to our ongoing work to support young researchers, working with Council, Honorary Officers, Fellows, early career researchers and our expert staff to develop new programmes and activities to help research careers thrive. They will therefore need to be an excellent communicator able to reach out across the community and inspire the next generation. Interested candidates may wish to read my [priorities as President](#) on the website for further background on the Academy's challenges and opportunities at this time.

We are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion. Suggestions and expressions of interest are welcome from any area of the Fellowship and should be sent in confidence, to my Academy e-mail address, president@acmedsci.ac.uk. Any Fellow who wishes to discuss the role further should contact me at the earliest opportunity.

A [nomination form](#), [role description and details of the election process](#) can be found on the [Academy website](#). **The deadline for receipt of completed nominations is 30 April 2021.**

Council will elect the next Registrar at its meeting in June 2021 based upon the recommendations of the Nominations Committee.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely



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