

## Vice President (Non-Clinical) Academy Medical Sciences

The Academy of Medical Sciences is the independent voice of medical sciences in the UK, working in collaboration with partners across the UK and internationally to promote biological, medical and health research to improve health and wellbeing.

### **The role:**

Our Vice-President (Non-Clinical) plays a highly important leadership role engaging with, and representing the priorities of, the non-clinical research community with a particular focus on those working in biomedical research. Over half of the Academy's Fellows<sup>1</sup> have a non-clinical background as well as many hundreds of early career researchers who benefit from our careers grants and schemes each year. The role of the Vice-President is to:

- Oversee the Academy's work around non-clinical research and careers, liaising with Council and working groups as necessary.
- Proactively engage with non-clinical Fellows and the broader biomedical research community around prevailing issues, challenges and opportunities.
- Develop networks and other mechanisms to facilitate Academy engagement with the non-clinical community.
- Support the development of areas of Academy activity to foster cross-disciplinary scientific discourse and horizon-scanning.
- Build and enhance relationships with key partner organisations and stakeholders including the other National Academies, UKRI, Wellcome, MRC, medical research charities, universities, pharma, biotech, government departments and learned societies etc.
- As necessary - lead the review of Academy policy reports; chair workshops, roundtable meetings, and help identify relevant Fellows and contacts as needed.
- Provide approval and sign-off for activities and outputs relevant to the Academy's non-clinical portfolio and other areas as designated by Council.
- Work with the Vice-President (Clinical) and other Officers to support the President in delivering the Academy's vision and strategy.
- Represent the Academy at key external events and meetings.

The Vice-President (Non-Clinical) is a member of the [Honorary Officers group](#) which meets approximately six times a year. As part of this group he or she plays a key role in developing Academy strategy and policy. Additionally, Honorary Officers are Trustees of the Academy and form part of the Academy Council. They will be expected to attend the five Council meetings held each year as well as the AGM and Annual Fellows Meeting in December.

The formal time commitment of the post is approximately 4-5 days per month. This includes participation in meetings at our London office when open, availability to travel to meetings held regionally and ready accessibility for virtual contact and telephone consultation with other Academy Officers and staff.

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<sup>1</sup> Our Fellows are drawn from laboratory science, clinical academic medicine, veterinary science, dentistry, medical and nursing care, and other professions allied to medical science including ethics, social science and the law.

The Vice-President (Non-Clinical) is supported by an experienced senior team and expert staff.

### **Key attributes:**

The Academy's Regulations governing the election of Honorary Officers of the Academy set out that suitable candidates should demonstrate *'high academic standing and a significant track record of achievement; have the ability to represent the different constituencies within the Academy and the ability to commit sufficient time and energy to the role and will have regard to the Academy's commitment to equality and diversity and inclusion'*. In addition to distinction in the medical and health sciences, the role of Vice President (Non-Clinical) requires:

- Integrity, strategic vision and sound judgement.
- Excellent communication and leadership skills and the ability to engage with key UK organisations and policy leaders at high level.
- A commitment to understand and engage with all parts of the growing non-clinical community which covers many different disciplines.
- Proven commitment to equality, diversity and inclusivity that befits a modern and progressive Academy.
- Demonstrable commitment to supporting and developing young researchers, both in the UK and internationally.
- An appreciation of the global research endeavour
- A collaborative working style and commitment to the Academy's values.

### **Term of office:**

The new Vice President (Non-Clinical) will serve for four years and will take up his/her position with effect from the Academy's AGM on 6 December 2022.

### **Eligibility and process:**

- A nomination form is available on the [Academy website](#).
- The post is open to all Ordinary Fellows of the Academy.
- Nominations may be made by any Academy Fellow for any other Academy Fellow, providing that they have agreed to be nominated.
- The nomination must be signed by three supporting Fellows.
- Candidates are asked to countersign the nomination form to indicate their willingness to be nominated and to include a 300 word statement outlining their background and how they would contribute to the Academy and its future. These statements will be circulated to Council, along with a copy of the candidate's CV.
- A copy of the candidate's CV must be submitted with the nomination form.
- Nominations must be submitted to the Academy office c/o Simon Denegri, Executive Director, **by 31 July 2022**.
- Interviews for the role will take place with the Nominations Committee **in late September** (*exact date tbc*).
- Members of Council will elect the next Vice President (Non-Clinical) from amongst those nominated.

In accordance with the Academy's Regulations, the Nominations Committee oversees the process of identifying the next Vice President (Non-Clinical). The Committee draws on expertise from current serving Officers, Council members and Ordinary Fellows.

Suggestions and expressions of interest are welcome from any area of the Fellowship and should be sent in confidence to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Professor Dame Anne Johnson PMedSci at ([president@acmedsci.ac.uk](mailto:president@acmedsci.ac.uk)). Any Fellow who wishes to discuss the role further should contact Dame Anne at the earliest opportunity.

The deadline for receipt of completed nominations is **31 July 2022**. Council will elect the next Vice president (Non-Clinical) at its meeting in **October 2022** informed by the deliberations and recommendations of the Nominations Committee.