

## From the President Professor Dame Anne Johnson

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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 Dame Jessica Corner FMedSci will be stepping down as Registrar in October 2022 to become Executive Chair at Research England. I know Jessica is disappointed not to be able to continue as Registrar and we will miss her greatly.

We are now looking to elect a new Registrar with the leadership skills and commitment to build on Jessica's achievements. As set out in our new vision and strategy 'Making medical science work for everyone,' our Fellowship of UK and international scientists is at the heart of what we do and all we stand for, and the Registrar has a crucial role in ensuring our Fellowship body is 'diverse, relevant and energetic in meeting the needs of the biomedical and health profession and the society it represents.'

As well as upholding the integrity and transparency of the process by which Fellows are elected, we are looking to our new Registrar to bring fresh thinking to how we evolve our nomination processes in keeping with this ambition. We also want them to bring energy and drive to working in partnership with our Regional Champions and staff team to raise awareness of the Fellowship and increase nominations from around the UK.

The Registrar will also play an important part in our ongoing work to support the careers of the next generation of researchers, working with Council, Honorary Officers, Fellows, early career researchers and our expert staff. They will need to be an excellent and inclusive communicator able to reach out across the community and inspire the next generation.

Council will elect the next Registrar at its meeting in **February 2023** based upon the recommendations of the <u>Nominations Committee</u>, with the successful candidate expected to take up the role from April that year. Any Fellow who wishes to discuss the role further should contact me at the earliest opportunity at <a href="mailto:president@acmedsci.ac.uk">president@acmedsci.ac.uk</a>.

A <u>nomination form</u>, <u>role description</u> and details of the election process can be found on the <u>Academy website</u>. The deadline for receipt of completed nominations is 15 December 2022.

We are committed to equity, diversity and inclusion and taking progressive steps to ensure the Fellowship better reflects the diversity of the community it serves.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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