

About Council

Council plays a fundamental role in the governance and decision-making of the Academy, overseeing our strategic plan and guiding the organisation on how it should respond to key issues and events.

The fact that the majority of Council members are elected by our current Fellows gives Council the mandate to speak on behalf of the Fellowship and the Academy is therefore keen to ensure that Council reflects the full breadth and diversity of the Fellowship. We strive to ensure that no individual or group is treated more or less favourably than others on the grounds of ethnicity, age, disability, sex, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, religion or belief. Our definition of diversity expands beyond protected characteristics to include geography, research subject and sector, clinical and non-clinical specialties, career stage, and socio-economic background.

Further points to note about Council include:

- Council are the Trustees of the Academy as a registered charity
- Council is collectively responsible for the management of the Academy in accordance with charity legislation.
- Council directs the policy of the Academy and manages all matters concerning Academy business, delegating the management of such business to the Officers, employees or external advisers, as it sees fit.
- Council members serve the Academy in a personal capacity and not as representatives of their affiliated institutions.
- In order to promote transparency, it is Academy policy to collect, maintain and publish a Register of Interests for its Trustees. Council members are required to complete an annual Declaration of Interests form and update this as necessary during their term of office.
- The Academy records diversity data for all its main decision-making committees and is committed to publishing this openly each year on our website. A current breakdown of diversity data for Council is detailed below.
- Council meets 5 times a year.
- For further information about any aspect of the Council's role and functions, Fellows are invited to contact Simon Denegri the Executive Director (simon.denegri@acmedsci.ac.uk).

To reflect the Academy's continued commitment to openness and transparency, Terms of Reference for Council are currently in development and will be made available later in the year.

The 2022 election

- All Ordinary Fellows of the Academy are eligible to stand for election to the Academy's Council provided that, should they have previously served on Council, at least one calendar year must have passed since they ceased to hold office.
- Nominations for Council must be supported by **three Fellows** and accompanied by a personal statement from the candidate in support of the nomination. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

- Self-nomination is acceptable provided that the nomination is supported by three additional Fellows.
- Nominees must be aware of their nomination and have been approached by nominators and must have expressed a willingness and ability to serve on Council if elected. They must be aware that, if elected, they will take on the responsibilities of Trustees of the Academy of Medical Sciences under charity legislation.
- Ordinary Council Members serve for a period of three years.
- **Two** new Council Members will be appointed via this year's election.
- The closing date for receipt of nominations is **17.00 on Friday 9 September 2022**.
- The election will take place digitally through a ballot platform administered by Civica Election Services. Fellows will receive their voting instructions by email.
- Voting materials will include photos and the candidate statements submitted on nomination forms - and will be circulated to the Fellowship in early October.
- The deadline for voting will be **17:00 on Tuesday 8 November 2022**.
- The single transferable voting system will be used to determine the outcome of the election; the ballot will be counted on **Wednesday 9 November 2022**.
- The results of the election will be announced at the AGM on **6 December 2022**.
- Incoming Council members will be provided with full induction following the February 2023 Council meeting.

Dates and times of Council meetings 2023

Thursday 16 February 2023
 Thursday 13 April 2023
 Thursday 22 June 2023
 Thursday 12 October 2023
 Tuesday 4 December 2023

Meetings will start at 11.00am, unless otherwise notified. Meetings last approximately 2.5 hours.

Meetings are currently held in hybrid format via Zoom with some attendees joining in person from the Academy offices. We are currently in the process of introducing more advanced hybrid meeting technology so that we are able to offer Council members based at a distance from London a more efficient means of attending meetings. We also plan to ensure that at least one Council meeting each year is hosted at a non-London location.

Council members 2023

Honorary Officers and Ordinary members of Council retiring at the Annual Fellows' Meeting in December 2022 are shown in bold.

Honorary Officers

- Professor Dame Anne Johnson PMedSci (President)
- Professor Paul Stewart FMedSci (Vice-President, Clinical)
- **Professor Michael Malim FRS FMedSci (Vice-President, Non-clinical)**
- Professor Dame Jessica Corner FMedSci (Registrar)
- Professor Ed Bullmore FMedSci (Treasurer)
- Professor Tom Solomon CBE FMedSci (Vice-President, International)

Ordinary Members

- Professor Wiebke Arlt FMedSci
- Professor Safaf Farooqi FMedSci
- **Professor Michael Hanna FMedSci**
- Professor Mandy MacLean MBE FRSE FMedSci
- Professor Neena Modi FMedSci
- Professor Sir Andrew Pollard FMedSci
- Professor Eleanor Riley FRSE FMedSci
- **Professor David Webb CBE FRSE FMedSci**
- Professor Paula Williamson FMedSci

Co-opted Members 2022

- **Dr Rabinder Prinjha FMedSci**
- **Professor Dame Margaret Whitehead FMedSci**

Emerging Research Leader members 2022

- Dr Rebecca Drummond
- Dr Rina Dutta

Diversity breakdown of Council

There are currently 19 members of Council, of which 14 will remain for 2022. Please note that the election of next Vice President (Non-Clinical) is dealt with in a separate process, however the role has been included in those rotating for the purpose of the diversity monitoring below.

Gender:

- Currently: 8 men, 11 women
- Of which are remaining for 2023: 4 men, 10 women

Ethnicity:

- Currently: 13 white, 1 white and other, 3 Asian Indian/Pakistani, 2 not known
- Of which are remaining for 2023: 9 white, 1 white and other, 2 Asian Indian/Pakistani, 2 not known

Disability:

- Currently: 18 no disability declared, 1 not known
- Of which are remaining for 2023: 13 no disability declared, 1 not known

Clinical/non-clinical:

- Currently: 13 clinical, 6 non-clinical
- Of which are remaining for 2023: 10 clinical, 4 non-clinical

Regional representation:

Council members 2022:



Remaining members for 2023:

