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Dear Fellows,

Call for nominations - 2023 Elections to Council

Have you thought about standing for Academy Council this year or nominating a colleague to do so? These are critical times for UK science as our recent report [‘Future-proofing UK health research’](#) highlighted and we need your expertise and insight.

With a decision on association to Horizon Europe pending, and a General Election not far away, never has the Academy’s voice been more important in safeguarding the stability of the sector for future generations of researchers. The clarity and strength of this voice depends on a strong Council, our foremost decision-making body, informed by the views and opinions of Fellows such as yourself, including those elected in 2023.

As an elected Council member you will play an important role as a trustee in ensuring we are compliant with charity law and regulations as well as have the opportunity to shape the Academy’s work across each of the five priorities set out in our new vision and strategy ‘Making medical science work for everyone:’

- Improving lives
- Strengthening research
- Supporting researchers
- Working globally
- Building resources

There are **three vacancies** to be filled through this year’s election as we seek to replace Council members Professor Mandy MacLean, Professor Neena Modi and Professor Eleanor Riley, who complete their terms of service this year. I am therefore keen we attract candidates that reflect the breadth of disciplines across the medical and health sciences and the perspective of Fellows from all four corners of the UK. We must also ensure that Council is balanced in terms of gender and ethnicity as befits a modern Academy. **Council roles are open to all Academy Fellows - including those most recently elected.**

I do hope you will consider standing for Council or encouraging a colleague to do so. If you wish to informally discuss the role of Council members, or how the Academy’s Council operates more broadly, please do contact me or our Executive Director, Simon Denegri (simon.denegri@acmedsci.ac.uk).

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Council election process

Our Council election is now held digitally. In early October all Fellows will be emailed election materials and voting instructions by our election provider. Voting online will open on 3 October. Votes will be counted on 8 November and the results of the election will be announced at the AGM on 5 December 2023.

The election is overseen and supported by the Academy's [Nominations Committee](#). Further [guidance notes](#) including the current composition of Council, tentative dates for next year's Council meetings and the [nomination form](#) are provided on the [Academy website](#).

Fellows interested in standing in this year's election are asked to complete the nomination form and return it to the Executive Director (c/o Alison Rojo at alison.rojo@acmedsci.ac.uk) **by 17:00 on Friday 8 September 2023**.

We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alison Rojo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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