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Dear Fellows,

In December, the Academy Council approved a new approach to the election of future Honorary Fellows in order to increase the transparency of our process, better align such appointments with Academy strategic priorities and help clarify that Honorary Fellowship is not an alternative route for candidates who otherwise fulfil the criteria for Ordinary Fellowship.

Through our new more targeted approach to identifying future Honorary Fellows, we aim to ensure that those elected help support our strategic objectives.

The Academy's Honorary Fellows are currently 'categorised' by their achievements, contributions or the type of service they have provided to society. These categories are set out on the Academy [website](#).

Going forward, each year the Nominations Committee will make recommendations to Council for the focus areas in which the Academy should seek nominations from the Fellowship. In parallel, the Nominations Committee will also proactively conduct a targeted search to identify potential candidates from the desired categories. The Academy's expert staff will continue to provide suggestions and input.

Transparency and standardisation have been improved through the introduction of a nomination form to ensure uniformity of material submitted. We have also introduced review and scoring by the Nominations Committee of all nominations received. This is based on the candidate's potential to enhance the Academy in terms of Esteem, Impact, Sustainability and Diversity, to enable shortlisting of recommended candidates for Council consideration each October.

I am writing to you now to invite nominations for Honorary Fellows. We welcome nominations of all outstanding individuals, with a focus this year on:

- **Prominent leaders in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology or medical devices sectors**, but who may not have the scientific achievements required for Ordinary Fellowship.
- **Philanthropists** who have made outstanding contributions to medical science in the public interest.
- Individuals who have **demonstrated exceptional leadership in advancing and promoting equity, diversity and inclusion in biomedical and health research within an organisation** and/or a more positive research culture in the UK.

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Fellows wishing to nominate candidates are invited to complete the [nomination form](#) (also available to download on the Academy website) **and return it to me at president@acmedsci.ac.uk.**

Please note that our categories for recognition are not mutually exclusive and the contributions of many worthy individuals are likely to span multiple categories. Nominators are asked to mark all appropriate tickboxes set out on the form, but ensure that the nomination statement itself clearly indicates contributions aligning with this year's focused search.

In October 2025, Council will receive a shortlist of candidates and vote on those to take forward. An additional amendment to previous practice will include communication with prospective candidates to gauge their interest in the role before they are formally proposed for election at the AGM.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 17.00 on 30 June 2025.

Please give some consideration to helping us identify candidates for Honorary Fellowship this year.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Morris'.

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