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Dear Fellows,

Voting is now open: election of Council members for 2026

On behalf of the President and Council, I am pleased to announce that voting is now open in this year's Council election. We are grateful to Fellows who are standing for election, supporting candidates or encouraging the participation of others in any way. Please cast your vote to support their commitment and have your say in how the Academy runs.

This year's election will fill two vacancies on Council created when Professor Dame Ijeoma Uchegbu and Professor Kathryn Maitland step down in December. On behalf of the Academy I extend my thanks to both of them for their exceptional and selfless service.

We are once again collaborating with Civica Election Services to deliver this year's election. I urge Fellows to take advantage of this accessible opportunity to participate in an important Academy governance process. The Academy Council should be representative of the Fellowship itself and it is vital that Fellows express their preferences for the composition of our governing body.

A full list of candidates and details of their supporting nominators is available on our election platform and also on the [Academy website](#). Candidate statements are included in the ballot materials online. Please follow the instructions provided to vote electronically. A list of the [known composition of Council for 2026](#) is provided for further information.

The ballot will close at 17:00 on Thursday 6 November and the results of this year's election will be announced at the Academy's Annual Fellows' Meeting on 3 December 2025 - after which they will appear on the Academy website.

Do please take this opportunity to express your views. We are hoping to match or improve on last year's record turnout rate of 42%.

Yours sincerely,



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