

Council election 2025: list of candidates

[Professor Alan Boyd FMedSci](#)

CEO, Alan Boyd Consultants Ltd

Region: North West

Nominators: Dr Stephen Lockhart, Dr Felicity Gabbay, Professor Peter Stonier

Previous Academy roles: Current member, Finance Committee and Fundraising Advisory Group

[Professor Inke Näthke FRSE FMedSci](#)

Professor of Epithelial Biology; Deputy Dean and Associate Dean for People, Culture & Performance, School of Life Sciences, University of Dundee

Region: Scotland

Nominators: Professor Tim Illidge, Professor Ian Tomlinson, Professor Owen Sansom

No previous Academy roles.

[Professor Jane Sandall CBE FMedSci](#)

Professor of Social Science and Women's Health, King's College, London

Nominators: Professor Marian Knight, Professor Sir Jonathan Montgomery, Professor Catherine Williamson

Region: London

No previous Academy roles.

[Professor Philippa Saunders FRSE FMedSci](#)

Professor of Reproductive Steroids and Co-Director, EXPECCT, University of Edinburgh

Region: Scotland

Nominators: Professor Andrew Horne, Professor Jane Norman, Professor Wiebke Arlt

Previous Academy roles: Nominations Committee 2019; 2023-; Forum Advisory Group 2023-; Registrar 2016-2021; Council member 2016-2021; Inaugural Committee Chair, Springboard Grants panel 2016-2020; Task Group 'Impact of Team Science on Career Progression 2014-2016; Report March 2016; Team Science Project Progress Meeting co-chair 2018; Sectional Committee 5 member, 2014-2016; Academic Careers Committee, 2012-2016.

[Professor Jonathan Shepherd CBE FMedSci FLSW](#)

Professor Emeritus of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Cardiff University.

Region: Wales

Nominators: Professor Sir Michael Owen, Professor Valerie O'Donnell, Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz

Previous Academy roles: Council member 2012-14; Sectional Committee 5 member 2010-13; former member, Starter Grants for Clinical Lecturers panel, 2014; Co-organiser, joint AMS/Home Office Science Advisory Council meeting: *The Epidemiology of Violence*, 2014 and AMS symposium, *The Science of Violence*, 2006.

[Professor Guy Thwaites MBE FMedSci](#)

Director, Oxford University Clinical Research Unit/Wellcome Major International Programme, Vietnam; Professor of Infectious Diseases, University of Oxford

Region: International (current), South East (from 2026)

Nominators: Professor Graham Cooke, Professor A. Sarah Walker, Professor Lalita Ramakrishan

No previous Academy roles.

[Professor Ashley Woodcock OBE FMedSci](#)

Professor of Respiratory Medicine, University of Manchester; Consultant Physician Manchester University NHS FT

Region: North West

Nominators: Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, Professor Adnan Custovic, Professor Ashley Blom

Previous Academy roles: Current Regional Champion for North-West (since 2023); Sectional Committee 4 member, 2010-13; Co-Chair, *Strengthening the climate resilience of health systems in Africa*, Workshop and Report 2024.