

**From the President
Professor Andrew Morris CBE FRSE PMedSci**

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Dear Fellows,

Honorary Fellowship is awarded to exceptional individuals whose Fellowship would bring distinction to the Academy. Such individuals will have given distinguished service to the cause of medical science and its applications, or brought great benefits to science and healthcare, **but will not have the achievements required or otherwise fulfil the eligibility criteria for election as Ordinary Fellows.**

As many of you will recall, a renewed approach to the identification of future Academy Honorary Fellows was adopted last year, increasing transparency in our process and enabling a more targeted approach to such awards so that we can appoint individuals to support the Academy's strategic objectives and priorities.

Academy 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](#). Each year, our Nominations Committee makes recommendations to Council for the focus areas in which the Academy should seek nominations from Fellows, while, in parallel proactively conducting a targeted search to identify potential candidates in the desired categories.

Nominations for Honorary Fellowship are now made using a nomination form which helps ensure uniformity of material submitted - and all nominations received are scored by the Committee based on the potential of candidates to enhance the Academy in terms of Esteem, Impact, Sustainability and Diversity.

I am writing now to invite you to consider making nominations for Honorary Fellowship. This year we welcome nominations from the following categories:

- **Contributors and influencers of policy change**, who have played a significant role, fostered relationships, or led work to impact policy thinking (domestic or international) on science, medical research or health care.
- **Outstanding contributions to strengthening the relationship between science and society** through their role in the media or digital communications, public engagement and involvement, or the co-production of research (*and particularly individuals who might be actively contributing to work to counter misinformation*).
- Individuals **demonstrating 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** (*Fellows are also encouraged to think about EDI across all criteria categories as well as those individuals recognised specifically for their contributions to promoting EDI*)

We are also continuing to focus on:

- **Prominent leaders in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology or medical devices sectors**, but who may not have the scientific achievements required for Ordinary Fellowship.

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- **Philanthropists** who have made outstanding contributions to medical science in the public interest.

Fellows wishing to nominate candidates are invited to complete the nomination form (available to download from the Academy [website](#)) and return it to president@acmedsci.ac.uk. **The deadline for receipt of nominations is 17.00 on 30 June 2026.**

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, Council will receive a shortlist of candidates and vote on those to take forward. We will subsequently communicate with prospective candidates in order to confirm their interest in engagement with the Academy before they are formally proposed for election at the AGM in December.

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

With very best wishes,



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