



Vacancy: Chair of the Dermatology Specialty Certificate Examination Question Writing Group

The British Association of Dermatologists and the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint a new Chair of the Dermatology SCE Question Writing Group.

The successful applicant will; have overall responsibility for the Question Writing Group to ensure that all academic objectives are met; have responsibility for ensuring that the standard of examination questions and performance of the question writers meet the standards required by the General Medical Council; support the Specialist Lead and the MRCP(UK) Associate Medical Director for Written Examinations in the selection, appointment and training of question writers and the monitoring of their performance; and be responsible for reviewing questions approved at each meeting of the Question Writing Group, and to check the correctness of their coding and the suitability of their design as single-best-answer questions to confirm their suitability for inclusion in the Question Bank

A full list of the post's responsibilities is set out in: *The Responsibilities and Duties of the Chair of the Question Writing Group (QWG) for the Speciality Certificate Examination*. In addition a copy of the remit and responsibilities of the examining board can be found on the [MRCP\(UK\) website](#).

Applicants should meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply:

- hold the MRCP(UK) or an equivalent postgraduate diploma
- be practising as a specialist in Dermatology, and a member or fellow of one of the three Colleges
- be registered with a licence to practise and in good standing on the GMC specialist register
- be actively engaged in the training of junior doctors in the UK (or within the last two years)
- be up-to-date as appropriate with relevant national guidelines, CPD requirements, employer's equality and diversity training and appraisal process
- In addition, applicants must have direct experience of the Question Writing process for Specialty Certificate Examinations.

This is a non-salaried position though all reasonable expenses and travel costs will be met by MRCP(UK) Central Office in line with the Federation expenses policy.

The tenure of board appointments is five years.

Expressions of interest (including a brief CV and a maximum of a single side single of A4 outlining your suitability for the post) should be submitted to Rachel Stephenson (policy.officer@mrcpuk.org) by **Thursday 25 August**.

All applications will be considered by a panel including the Chair of the Dermatology Examining Board.

The next meeting of the Dermatology Question Writing Group takes place on **12-13 September** at the University of Warwick and the successful applicant will be required to attend.