

Vacancy: Associate Medical Director for Clinical Examinations (PACES) MRCP(UK)

The Federation of the Royal College of Physicians is committed to ensuring a diverse workforce and positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, transgender status, religion or belief, marital status or pregnancy and maternity.

The Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK is seeking to appoint a highly motivated Associate Medical Director for Clinical Examinations to oversee the MRCP(UK) Part 2 Clinical Examination (PACES). The successful candidate will have responsibility for the clinical and academic leadership of PACES, including implementation and monitoring of the new PACES23 format.

PACES is the MRCP(UK)'s flagship clinical examination, recognised as an international standard for assessing clinical skills. Developed and delivered in partnership with the three UK Royal Colleges of Physicians, PACES is taken by around 7,000 candidates globally per annum.

Working with the Federation Medical Director for Assessment and the International Medical Director for PACES, the Associate Medical Director for Clinical Examinations is responsible for ensuring that academic objectives and standards are met at every stage of the development and delivery of the examination. The successful applicant will have a key role in working with Colleges' and Federation's clinical and administrative staff to ensure that the standard of the clinical examination meets the regulatory requirements set out by the General Medical Council.

The appointee will be a Fellow of one of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom, with a current licence to practise. The role will require frequent attendance at a variety of meetings within the UK, which are delivered on a hybrid basis. The balance of in-person versus virtual attendance will be up to the successful candidate to decide in consultation with the Medical Director for MRCP(UK).

The appointee's employer will be reimbursed for the equivalent of one PA per week, paid at standard rate (see job description document).

If you have been actively involved in postgraduate physician training, have significant experience of PACES examining, some experience of college or MRCP(UK) examination boards or committees, some understanding of the regulatory and academic framework for postgraduate medical examinations, are interested in reducing differential attainment, and are keen to ensure the continued success of clinical skills assessment, please find out more by contacting Dr Stuart Hood, MD elect for Assessment (stuart.hood@mrcpuk.org) or Dr Gerrard Phillips, Executive Medical Director of Federation (gerrard.phillips@rcp.ac.uk). We are keen to hear from a broad range of applicants.

Applicants should submit a brief outline of their professional training, together with a resume of their commitment to medical education and training, and their specific expertise in the PACES examination, with details of two referees. Applications and additional enquiries to Dr Benjamin Gillon, Head of Assessment Quality and Policy (policy.officer@mrcpuk.org; +44 (0)20 3075 1465).

The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 17 November. Interviews will take place remotely in the week commencing 27 November.