

Appointment: Chair of the MRCP (UK) Part 1 Examination Standard Setting Group

The Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK is seeking to appoint a new Chair of the MRCP (UK) Part 1 Examination Board Standard Setting Group.

The successful applicant will: have overall responsibility for the Standard Setting Group to ensure that a pass mark is agreed to the appropriate standards; lead discussions and evaluate each item to ensure the quality of questions is high and of an appropriate standard; and be responsible for the selection, appointment and training of board members and the monitoring of their performance.

A full list of the post's responsibilities is set out in: *The Responsibilities and Duties of the Chair of the MRCP(UK) and SCE Standard Setting Groups*. 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 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
- the Chair of the Standard Setting Group **cannot** be a member of the MRCP (UK) Part 1 Examining Board

In addition it is a requirement for members of the Part 1 Written Examining Board Standard Setting Group that they fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

- be a member of the Specialty Certificate Examinations question writing groups
- be a member of the Specialty Certificate Examinations writing group, Specialty Question Group or the appropriate Examining Board
- have considerable knowledge of the examination
- have experience of standard setting and question writing in an academic environment
- have an understanding of the principles behind criterion referencing and the Hofstee method, statistical methods used and interpretation of analyses performed on individual items

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 appointment is nine years.

Applications for the posts, including a CV and one-page covering letter outlining your suitability for the post should be submitted to the Policy Officer (policy.officer@mrcpuk.org) by **18 November 2016**. All applications will be considered by a panel consisting of the Associate Medical Director for Written Examinations and representatives of the Examining Board.

The successful applicant must be able to attend the next meeting of the MRCP(UK) Part 2 Written Examination Standard Setting Group on **Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 October 2017** at the Royal College of Physicians London and successful applicants would be required to attend.

