

Appointment: Trainee Members on MRCP(UK) Scenario Writing Group

The Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK is seeking to appoint new Trainee members to the MRCP(UK) Scenario Writing Group (SWG), which is responsible for producing new scenarios for the PACES Examination. We will welcome applications from Trainees in any speciality but are particularly looking for the following: Dermatology, Rheumatology, Respiratory, Haematology, Geriatric Medicine, Neurology, Infectious Diseases, Cardiology and Palliative Medicine.

Successful applicants will be expected to generate new scenarios as directed by the Chair of the SWG and the MRCP(UK) Scenarios Editorial Committee (SEC). These will be in the new format for the PACES 2020 examination. They will be expected to ensure the academic objectives in terms of scenario writing and producing assessment materials are met; assist in any review of the scenario writing process to ensure sufficient scenarios of quality are produced; and keep abreast of developments in the world of medical education and medical practice ensuring the assessment material remains up-to-date and relevant to the curriculum and meets the standards required by the General Medical Council (GMC).

Successful applicants will also be expected to attend meetings and participate in training as required. This includes attending a **virtual training half-day in June**, as well as the SWG meeting on **Wednesday 17th November 2021**, which will take place either virtually on Microsoft Teams or in person at Cranage Hall, Byley Lane, Holmes Chapel, CW4 8EW from 9am-5pm. Applicants will also be expected to write new scenarios ahead of this meeting.

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

- Hold the MRCP(UK) or an equivalent postgraduate diploma.
- Hold a Trainee position in any speciality, especially those listed above.
- Be registered with a licence to practice and in good standing on the GMC register.
- Be up-to-date as appropriate with relevant national guidelines, CPD requirements, employer's equality and diversity training and appraisal process.
- Be able to attend the meetings of the SWG (two meetings annually: in May and November) and take on work between the meetings.

This is a non-salaried position, although all reasonable expenses and travel costs incurred in travelling to meetings will be met by MRCP(UK) Central Office in line with the Federation expenses policy. The Federation awards CPD credits for participation in scenario writing activities.

The tenure of Trainee appointments is three years, however this will terminate upon completion of specialist training or appointment as a Consultant. Subject to mutual agreement with the Chair individual tenure may be extended by up to a maximum of five years to ensure orderly succession planning. Attendance at meetings is monitored and members may be asked to step down if they fail to attend regularly.

If you would like to apply for this role please send a one-page covering letter outlining your suitability for the post and an up-to-date CV to Maryam Zerbes at station2and4@mrcpuk.org. The closing date for applications is **Thursday 4 March 2021**.