

Vacancy: Trainee Member of the European Specialty Examination in Nephrology Standard Setting Group

The UKKA and the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint a member to fulfil the role of trainee representative on the European Specialty Examination in Nephrology Standard Setting Group.

The successful applicant will attend meetings of the Standard Setting Group and will advise on the pass mark to be applied to the Examination paper. Members will be responsible for evaluating the level of difficulty of each question in an examination paper in order to set a pass mark; ensuring that the quality of individual questions is high and that the Examination questions are of an appropriate standard; and keeping abreast of developments in the world of medical education and medical practice ensuring that the examination papers are relevant to the curriculum.

A full list of the post's responsibilities is set out in: *The Responsibilities and Duties of Members of the Part 1, Part 2 and Speciality Certificate Examining Boards*. 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
- have passed the SCE
- be undertaking higher specialty training in nephrology
- be registered with a licence to practise and in good standing with the General Medical Council
- be up-to-date as appropriate with relevant national guidelines, CPD requirements, employer's equality and diversity training and appraisal process

In addition, it is desirable that members of the ESEN Standard Setting Group fulfil one or more of the following criteria:

- Be a member of the Question Writing 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 the appointment is three 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 the Policy Officer (policy.officer@mrcpuk.org) by **Friday 9 September**. All applications will be considered by a panel consisting of the Chair and representatives of the Examining Board and Standard Setting Group.