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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
- have considerable knowledge of the examination

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 group or Specialty Question Group
- 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 post, 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 **31 January 2022**. All applications will be considered by a panel consisting of the Associate Medical Director for Written Examinations and representatives of the Examining Board.

The next MRCPUK Part 1 Standard Setting Meeting will take place on 6 & 7 October 2022 and the successful applicant will be required to attend. The meeting will take place at Royal College of Physicians of London.