



Question writers for the Specialist Certificate Examination (SCE) in Geriatric medicine

MRCP(UK) is looking to recruit additional question writers to meet the demand for questions for the specialty certificate examination (SCE) in Geriatric Medicine.

Each question writing group (QWG) comprises up to 25 members of the relevant specialty. QWG members are responsible for writing new questions which are discussed at two-day peer review meetings. QWGs are held annually, currently in September, although after the September 2016 meeting, annual meetings will be every March starting on 21/22 March 2017. The meetings are held at Warwick University.

Benefits

Meetings are a valuable opportunity for physicians to compare and update their knowledge of the latest diagnostic methods and treatments, enabling them to pass on learning points to trainees and colleagues locally. The meetings offer excellent networking opportunities, providing interaction with physicians from across the UK. Members are entitled to claim external CPD credits for attendance.

Eligibility

If you meet the following criteria you are eligible to apply:

- Member or Fellow of one of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom (or another UK medical Royal College)
- General Medical Council (GMC) [registered](#) and in good standing
- Actively engaged in the training of junior doctors (or within the last two years)
- Up-to-date with employer's equality and diversity training, and appraisal process/ CPD and with relevant National Guidelines
- Consultant or specialty trainee (who has passed the relevant SCE for QWG vacancies) practising in some aspect of clinical medicine, ideally with a sub-specialty or area of interest.

Responsibilities of a QWG member

As a question writer you will:

- Generate questions for the MRCP(UK) Specialty Certificate Examinations as directed by the appropriate Examining Board
- Ensure that the academic objectives in terms of question writing and producing assessment materials for the examination are met
- Advise the appropriate Chair on the content and development of the examination
- Assist in any review of the question writing process to ensure that sufficient questions of quality are produced for the examination
- Keep abreast of developments in the world of medical education and medical practice ensuring that the assessment material remains up to date and relevant to the curriculum and meets the standards required by the GMC.

Appointments are normally for five years, subject to satisfactory performance during a probationary year. Question writers must draft the required number of questions on selected topics (identified in a commissioning letter in advance) and be available to attend the once-yearly meetings. Performance of question writers will be monitored and those who do not submit questions and attend meetings regularly will be asked to step down.

You MUST be available for training on 14 November 2016 at the Royal College of Physicians, London and MUST be available for the next QWG meeting on 21 and 22 March 2017

Training and support

If your application is successful you will be expected to attend a one-day training session in London, after which you will be invited to attend your first SQG or QWG meeting in Warwick

All personal expenses to cover the costs of attending QWG meetings will be met by MRCP(UK) in line with the Federation [expenses policy](#).

How to apply

Please email a copy of your CV and a covering letter outlining your suitability to:

QWGQuestions@mrcpuk.org if you wish to apply for SCE QWGs. Applications will be considered by the SCE lead specialist and QWG Chair for Geriatric Medicine. Closing date for applications is Friday **2 September 2016**.