

Vacancy: Members of the MRCP (UK) Part 1 Examination Standard Setting Group

The Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK is seeking to appoint 2 new members to the MRCP(UK) Part 1 Examination 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 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
- be practising as a specialist in one of the specialties, and 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
- be a member of the Specialty Certificate Examinations question writing groups
- be a member of the Specialty Question Groups 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 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). All applications will be considered by a panel consisting of the Chair and representatives of the Examining Board.

The next MRCP(UK) Part 1 Standard Setting Meeting will take place on 11th October 2024 and the successful applicant will be required to attend. The meeting will take place at Royal College of Physicians of London.