



British Geriatrics Society
Improving healthcare
for older people

Vice President: Academic Affairs

Role description

The post of Vice President for Academic Affairs (VP:AA) will fall vacant in October 2018. Expressions of interest are now being invited for this position. We are recruiting early to allow for a full handover with the current post holder, Dr Steve Parry.

The VP is responsible for leading the BGS's work in promoting scientific and clinical research, and for developing the Society's scientific and education event programme. S/he also needs to work closely with the Vice President for Education and Training.

This is a voluntary, unpaid role, though travel costs and other expenses will be covered.

The anticipated time commitment is up to one day a week, but this may vary according to the demands of the role. The post holder is Chair of the Research and Academic Development Committee, and will also be expected to attend and report to meetings of the BGS Trustee Board. Administrative support will be provided by the BGS secretariat.

The term of office is three years.

Those interested in discussing the purpose and activities in more detail are invited to contact the Chief Executive, Colin Nee, via ceo@bgs.org.uk

Those interested in applying for the post are asked to contact Mark Stewart, on 0207 608 8575, committees@bgs.org.uk

The closing date for the receipt of applications in the form of a short expression of interest and covering CV is midnight on Friday 20 April 2018.

Purpose

- To lead the implementation of the BGS Research Strategy
- To promote and facilitate research relating to ageing and age related diseases and encourage the involvement of members in the research process.

Responsibilities (with scope for possible adjustment by discussion after appointment)

- To Chair the Research and Academic Development Committee (four times a year), including working with BGS secretariat to prepare for meetings, and between meetings to motivate committee members to complete work taken on;

- To attend and report to BGS Trustee Board meetings and advise on matters relating to academic affairs (four times a year);
- To liaise with trustees, BGS secretariat and other officers on matters of strategic importance in academic affairs;
- To continue the development and implementation of the BGS Research Strategy;
- Oversee policy pertaining to the BGS programme of educational awards, scholarships and educational grants;
- To oversee the BGS's scientific programme and work with the Vice President for Education and Training to develop CPD programmes in liaison with relevant committees and people;
- To maintain a close and productive relationship with the Association of Academics in Geriatric Medicine;
- To liaise with External grant bodies such as Research into Ageing and The Dunhill Medical Trust; this may require attendance of meetings and grant review boards and interview panels;
- To represent the BGS, when appropriate, at meetings with other organisations such as the NIHR, RCP.
- To contribute to the process by which the BGS awards prizes and fellowships.

Qualifications, experience and desired characteristics

1. Has the time and 'bandwidth' to make a success of this crucial, senior role
2. Member of the BGS
3. Research-active geriatrician at consultant level
4. Committee team leadership skills: the ability to achieve results by working with and through committee members
5. Strong Chairing skills
6. A track record of success in research; able to win and keep the respect of BGS's research-active community
7. Accessible, accountable and responsible
8. Ability to influence and determine key areas of policy
9. Open minded and flexible
10. Committed to collaboration
11. Goal and target focussed