



President of the Faculty of Physician Associates (FPA)

Role context

The president is the public representative and primary spokesperson for the faculty, conducting their activities within the governance conventions of the Royal College of Physicians (RCP). The president will provide leadership to and represent the FPA membership at a national level. The president will be personally visible to FPA members, ensuring that the faculty actively listens to and acts on the concerns and aspirations of its membership.

To progress the FPA strategy, the president will campaign for progress and change on behalf of the profession, and raise awareness of the wide remit of the physician associate (PA) role and its contribution to patient care with key stakeholders, government representatives and related departments.

The president will forge effective relationships with ministers and government bodies, demonstrating that there is a mutual understanding of our ambitions while ensuring the FPA's voice is heard where it matters.

The president will work closely with the FPA manager and officers of the faculty, RCP and stakeholders to execute their duties.

Specific duties

The president's role, responsibilities and duties will include, but are not restricted to the following:

- to be responsible for the work of the FPA within the governance structures of the RCP, overseeing the FPA strategy
- to act as the FPA spokesperson nationally
- to chair FPA board meetings
- to communicate regularly with the FPA membership with support from RCP staff
- to lead the Professional Standards workstream assisted by the secretary of the faculty
- to preside over and provide a report on the activities of the faculty at the annual general meeting (AGM) of the FPA membership
- to ensure the development and succession of planning for the FPA
- to be responsible for appointing the chairs of the standing and ad hoc committees with the agreement of the faculty board
- to be a member of RCP Council
- to be a member of the RCP Membership Support and Global Engagement (MSGE) board.

Against this background, the president will be required to work towards a broad set of specific objectives, derived from the FPA's strategic objectives, and will be assessed by a process of annual appraisal as conducted by the RCP registrar.

Workload dimensions

This will be approximately 1 day per week, where possible spent at the RCP in London, and is including but not limited to; chairing at FPA board meetings, attending RCP Council meetings and joining fortnightly FPA executive team meetings. There may be early and late meetings and also travel on FPA business in the UK.

Financial aspects

The role is not remunerated although the FPA will grant nominal backfill for its president to their employing organisation.

Term of office

A maximum of 3 calendar years as per the bye-laws of the FPA/RCP.

Person specification

The post requires candidates to be members of the FPA, in good standing and with the following attributes:

- a commitment to and clear understanding of the mission of the FPA
- a passion for the success and development of the PA profession
- a confident public speaker and strategic thinker
- strong leadership qualities.

Our values

The RCP is committed to **taking care, learning and being collaborative.**

These values drive the way we behave, how we interact with each other, and how we work together to achieve our vision and improve patient care.

We value taking care

This means we behave respectfully towards people, whatever their role, position, gender or background. It means we act as representatives of the RCP, and take decisions in the interests of the organisation as a whole.

We value learning

This means we continuously improve through active learning and honest reflection, so that we grow personally and as an organisation, while striving for excellence. We support learning and development opportunities.

We value being collaborative



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This means we work together towards the RCP's vision in a collaborative and professional way, understanding that individuals bring different strengths and approaches to our work. We value diversity and each other's contributions.

All FPA officers and board members have a collective responsibility to abide by the [RCP500 Code of Conduct](#) and its standards.

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