

President 2019–2022: role description

What's involved?

The President leads the College – particularly the direction and profile of the College for the period of his/her office. The agreed College [Strategy](#) informs the President's objectives. The President should influence stakeholders effectively and ensure the College is positioned to lead in and for its specialties across the UK and overseas.

Governance

The College is a registered charity and Council acts as its trustee board (as defined by the Charity Commission). The President chairs Council and should ensure the College fulfils its charitable public benefit and [Charter objects](#). The President also chairs the Annual General Meeting which is usually held during the Annual Conference.

The President as with all Officers is bound by the [Code of Conduct](#) and is expected to demonstrate adherence to the College [values](#). As a trustee, the President will be required to complete and update an entry in the register of interests.

The President has significant external and internal duties as outlined below.

External duties – the membership

The President has a vital role in communicating and engaging with Fellows and members of the College worldwide. He/she should aim to visit all English regions and UK devolved nations during his/her term. This includes attending each of the RCR's standing committee for the devolved nations (Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales) annually.

Communication with Fellows and members also involves writing updates and statements on current issues in the *Monthly News* e-bulletins (one for each Faculty) and the College *Newsletter* (published four times a year).

Overseas commitments – see below – offer the opportunity to meet with some of the 24% of the membership which is based outside the UK.

External duties – stakeholders and the media

The President has a major role in developing and maintaining external relationships of the College with the health departments across the UK, creating relationships at the highest level of Government, the NHS and with the Chief Medical Officers. It also involves engaging with sister colleges and faculties directly and through the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and with other major societies and healthcare bodies throughout the four UK nations. External bodies the College meets with regularly include the Society and College of Radiographers, the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine, the General Medical Council, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, the Royal College of Physicians of London, Cancer Research UK, Macmillan Cancer Support and the British Medical Association. The President will receive many invitations to dinners or receptions throughout the year.

The College entertains leading figures to build and maintain relationships: for the President this includes hosting an annual RCR dinner, usually held in April, and a Summer Reception.

The President has a major role in developing, maintaining and enhancing the reputation of the College among the public and the medical profession, the healthcare community and all those who regulate and organise healthcare provision.

The President is the leading media spokesperson for the College and may be called upon at any time of day to offer comment or take part in broadcasts. This is a growing aspect of the role. Some Parliamentary activity is involved from time to time.

Internationally, the President presides over the Admission Ceremony in Hong Kong annually and may attend meetings of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA, annual), the European Congress of Radiology (ECR, annual), the European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO, annual) and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO, annual). Liaison with the leaders of other radiology and oncology/radiotherapy bodies across the world will serve to strengthen the international standing of the RCR.

Internal duties

In addition to chairing Council, the President is a member of the Finance and Investment Committee and is an ex-officio member of many College boards and committees. The President's wider cross-College role is delivered through leading the Officer team of both Faculties and chairing monthly Joint Officers' meetings. He/she also attends both Clinical Oncology and Clinical Radiology Faculty Officers' meetings held monthly. The President should work closely with the Vice-Presidents for Clinical Oncology and Clinical Radiology who lead their respective Faculties. The President attends board meetings of both Faculties.

The lay members who serve on various College boards and committees meet together as the Lay Member Network twice each year; the President chairs those meetings.

The President meets weekly with the Chief Executive.

The President presides over the Admission Ceremony for New Fellows and the associated reception which are held twice each year. He/she chairs the Honours Committee and is a member of the Fellowship Assessment Committee. The President has responsibility for the nomination of candidates for consideration for Clinical Excellence Awards and for National Honours on behalf of the College.

Council has set in train a fundamental review of the fitness of the College for the future through its governance and structures. The working party established for this purpose is chaired by the President and is expected to continue to meet through 2019 and into 2020.

Is this the role for you?

This is a national and international leadership role for a body that has grown in influence, size and complexity for many years and which has many ambitions. This involves leadership of a team of volunteer Fellows and leadership on policy and through the media. The role brings with it trustee responsibilities for the College as a charity. It requires a range of skills nearly all of which involve working with or through others be they individuals or organisations. The external demands are growing and contribute to the significant time commitment described below.

The President is advised by the College's Chief Executive and other senior College staff. The President has a full time Executive Assistant at the College. Operational leadership and resourcing of the College is the responsibility of the Chief Executive and his team.

An induction is offered which comprises handover and briefing from the outgoing President, from other Officers, notably the Vice-Presidents, and from the Chief Executive and other senior staff as well as the Executive Assistant. A facilitated induction session is offered to all new Officers which is likely to be held in early September. Support, advice and training for the media aspects of the role will be offered.

What's the commitment?

In total this amounts to three to four days per week. Most College boards and committees are held on a Thursday or Friday. Officers' meetings are held on a Thursday evening and the following Friday morning monthly. With a large number of incoming emails daily, attendance at other committees and external engagements, this demands attendance at the College on at least two days a week to which travelling and reading time will add considerably.

At the end of the term of office, the demitting President is expected to attend the first Joint Officers' meeting of the following College year as part of the handover arrangements to his or her successor.

In order to be best prepared for the role attendance at meetings during the induction period (April–September 2019) should be regarded as part of the commitment.

Regular attendance at College and Faculty boards, committees and events –

General

- Council (three per annum – chaired by President)
- Joint Officers (monthly, except August – chaired by President)
- Honours Committee (once per annum – chaired by the President)
- Fellowship Assessment Committee (once per annum)
- Finance and Investment Committee (twice per annum)
- Fellowship Ceremonies and receptions (twice per annum, ceremonies led by the President)
- Meetings of devolved nation Standing Committees (once per annum for each of the three nations)
- Lay Member Network meetings (two per annum – chaired by the President)
- AGM (chaired by the President)
- Annual Conference (usually three days in September or October, held in Liverpool)
- Annual Dinner host
- Summer Reception host

Faculty of Clinical Oncology

- Officers (monthly – except August)
- Faculty Board (three per annum)
- Specialty Training Board (three per annum)
- Professional Support and Standards Board (three per annum)
- Joint Collegiate Council for Oncology (Joint RCR and RCP)
- Heads of Service Committee (up to three per annum)

Faculty of Clinical Radiology

- Officers (monthly – except August)
- Faculty Board (three per annum)
- Specialty Training Board (three per annum)
- Professional Support and Standards Board (three per annum)
- Regional Chairs (three per annum)

External committees - regular committees and groups

- Academy of Medical Royal Colleges – Council (including a policy day each year)

Who's eligible to stand?

This is an elected position lasting three years. To put your name forward, you need to be a Fellow of the College (no minimum period as a Fellow is required), resident in the United Kingdom, hold a current licence to practise with the GMC and be in active clinical practice.

You will also need to have the support of four other UK Fellows in good standing as your nominators. The term of office starts on 1 September 2019.

The Presidency rotates between the Faculties of Clinical Radiology and Clinical Oncology in a ratio of 2:1. The President to serve for 2019-22 must be from the Faculty of Clinical Oncology.

How to apply

Please use the online [nomination form](#).

Your completed nomination must reach the Returning Officer by **noon on Monday, 26 November 2018**.

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