

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Chairperson of the Science & Research Committee

Location:	Meetings held virtually and/or face-to-face three times a year, with additional teleconferences as required
Duration:	Initial term of three years
Remuneration:	Expenses

Who we are

We are the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, the professional membership body for pharmacists and pharmacy across England, Scotland and Wales.

What we do

We are champions of the profession, and internationally renowned publishers of medicines information.

We promote pharmacy in the media and government, lead the way in medicines research and information, and support pharmacists in education and professional development.

Together, we are pharmacy.

Our Mission

We put pharmacy at the forefront of healthcare.

Our Vision

To be the world leader in the safe and effective use of medicines.

Our Behaviours

Be inspiring. Be empathetic. Be relevant.

This description should be considered in conjunction with the Terms of Reference of the RPS Science & Research committee.

ROLE PURPOSE

To act as chairperson of the RPS Science & Research Committee (SRC), the main purposes of which are to:

- 1) To provide strategic leadership, advocacy and expert advice around pharmaceutical science and pharmacy research across Great Britain, and as part of the RPS role, internationally.
- 2) To support the RPS Assembly in the delivery and advancement of the RPS strategic imperatives around pharmaceutical science, research and evaluation which impact on the pharmacy profession and the public.
- 3) To provide thought leadership to inform RPS national policy and to support with consultation processes.

MAIN ACCOUNTABILITIES

The RPS has ultimate responsibility for the constitution of the group. As chairperson of the SRC you will be expected to:

- Work with the Science & Research team to approve meeting agendas and papers for the Science & Research committee;
- Chair meetings of the Science & Research committee
- Ensure the Science & Research committee performs its duties set out in its Terms of Reference.
- Ensure the members of the Science & Research committee conform to the RPS code of conduct for members of governance bodies.
- Support the overall direction and development of the RPS Science and Research strategy, with an emphasis on RPS reputation;
- Review reports from the SRC meetings, relevant forums and groups and comment and feedback on performance and improvement;
- Lead the development of thought leadership papers to inform the profession and the RPS National Boards about science in relation to policy development;
- Provide advice and a source of expertise to the National Boards of the RPS on pharmaceutical science and pharmacy research;
- Inform, support and contribute to the work of the RPS including professional standards, guidance and professional policy and responses to consultations;
- Communicate the work of the Science & Research committee to internal and external stakeholders.
- Promote pharmaceutical science and pharmacy research on behalf of the RPS membership and the pharmacy profession;
- Represent the RPS and the profession at appropriate meetings, functions and events in the context of pharmaceutical science and pharmacy research.
- Work closely with Education and Standards Committee to ensure all pharmacists are supported to acquire and maintain a core scientific knowledge base.
- Have a central role in conference planning in all matters related to science and research.

ELIGIBILITY

The chairperson of the Science & Research committee must:

- Be a member of the RPS.
- Not be an elected member of RPS National Boards.
- Conform to the RPS code of conduct for members of governance bodies.
- Declare any conflicts of interest and act in an open and transparent manner without undue influence.

We encourage applications from a diverse range of potential candidates, in terms of, but not exclusively, gender, age, disability and ethnicity, as well as reflecting the geographical spread and practice areas of our membership

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, BEHAVIOURS & EXPERIENCE REQUIRED FOR THIS ROLE

Essential

- National and, ideally, international recognition as an expert in the pharmaceutical sciences or pharmacy related research (nominees should be at the forefront of practice).
- High level of involvement in institutional roles and professional organisations.
- Broad discipline expertise (broad knowledge and expertise in a relevant specialty research area and/or multidisciplinary experience in two or more discipline areas is desirable – specialists and generalists).
- Relevant experience in academia, industry, voluntary or public sector organisations.
- Experience in coordinating research activity including an understanding of the needs of end users in higher education, business and industry.
- Senior organisational leadership and management experience.
- Experience representing organisations or professions to the public and including the media.
- High professional standing and reputation.
- Ability to exercise independent judgement and to think objectively.
- Strong and effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to facilitate group decision making and reach mutually agreeable compromises.
- Ability to encourage active participation from all committee members.
- Sound commercial acumen.
- Understanding of the principles and importance of inclusion & diversity.

Desirable

- Experience of chairing high profile science/research boards/committees.