



AHCS

Academy for Healthcare Science

Regulation Board
Associate Member

Message from our Chair

Joy Tweed

I am delighted to announce AHCS's first-ever recruitment for an Associate Member to join our Regulation Board. We are very aware that gaining board experience can help in gaining other board roles so hope this will be a helpful development experience. We also know that the Regulation Board will gain from increasing the diversity of its membership and that diversity of thought can help lead to better decision making.

One description of a board is 'a decision-making group' and we will be looking for applicants who are willing and able to contribute to decisions that impact on the board's key role in patient safety and the professions we regulate via our PSA-Accredited registers.

We are aware that we follow other regulators in recruiting similar roles to their councils or boards. Whilst we acknowledge that applicants may already be very experienced in their field and profession, it is important to note that you will not be a voting member of the Regulation Board. However, we will expect and encourage you to play an active role in board discussions. You will need to be a professional on one of our PSA-Accredited voluntary registers and also to have the support of your employer to take time out to attend meetings. If appointed, you will receive support and mentoring from a Regulation Board member.

I hope the information in this pack will provide you with all the details you need about this opportunity and I encourage you to apply.

Who We Are

The Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS) is the single overarching body for the entire UK Healthcare Science (HCS) workforce, working alongside the healthcare science professional bodies, and also professionals from the Life Science Industry and Clinical Research Practitioners, helping to strengthen the visibility of the contribution of those workforces.

Our Aims Are:

- 1) To support and promote Healthcare Science, scientific and diagnostic services, and the staff working in them – speaking for the profession with one clear voice. This includes supporting and promoting the work of the specialist professional bodies within Healthcare Science and providing a forum for discussion and collaboration between these bodies.
- 2) To demonstrate the ‘one voice’ of the Healthcare Science profession by making authoritative responses to government, regulatory bodies and independent organisations with remits in health and to the media and public on generic issues, when this is appropriate.
- 3) To develop a coherent assured Register for Healthcare Scientists, as a step towards securing statutory registration for all people working within the Healthcare Science workforce.
- 4) To support and recognise career development within the Healthcare Science workforce.
- 5) To provide wider support and assurance for the education and training processes and standards across Healthcare Science.
- 6) To strengthen the governance and internal working arrangements of the Academy and to ensure the financial sustainability of the Academy for the benefit of the public.

What We Do

The Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS) works in the following key areas:

- **Professional Standards Authority (PSA) ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION** – The AHCS operates a voluntary PSA Accredited Register for approximately 14,000 professionals, which is divided into 3 parts; Healthcare Science (HCS) Practitioner Register, The Life Science Credentialling (LSI) Register and Clinical Research Practitioner (CRP) Register.
- **EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS** - We quality assure education and training that leads to entry onto our Register accredited by the Professional Standards Authority.
- **PROTECTION OF PATIENTS AND PUBLIC** - AHCS's commitment to protecting the public is demonstrated by the running of the publicly accessible PSA Accredited register for specified professional groups not statutorily registered by Law.
- **WORKING WITH PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS** - AHCS works with a range of other organisations including professional bodies representing the registered professions, other regulators including HCPC and other PSA accredited registers. AHCS also runs a Professional Bodies Council (PBC) made up of Senior Healthcare Science Representatives from Healthcare Science professional bodies.
- **RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE, & PROMOTING LEADERSHIP & COMMUNICATION** - AHCS has worked in a number of areas to promote leadership and excellence including the development of leadership programmes for Healthcare Scientists (PSEL, PEP & OPSEL). Recognising excellence is promoted through the Chair's Excellence Awards and the AHCS Honorary Fellowship Awards.

What is the Regulation Board?

Regulation Board, chaired by Dr Joy Tweed, Non-Executive Director, is responsible and accountable for the establishment and maintenance of the Academy's Registers.

The core objective of the Regulation Board is to protect the public by mitigating the risks posed to service users and the public by the healthcare workforce that is regulated by and via the AHCS.

Regulation Board approves, implements and monitors the AHCS's Regulatory Framework. The Framework sets out the overarching standards, principles, and generic policies, practices and Rules for the Register and the licensing arrangements for the Councils.

Essential criteria for the Associate Member role:

- Must be a current registrant on one of our PSA-Accredited voluntary registers
- Must have the support of your line manager to enable you to attend Regulation Board meetings during work hours. Regulation Board meetings are held quarterly and are a mixture of virtual and in person meetings
- Must be aware of the [Nolan Principles of Public Life](#).

[Regulation Board Terms of Reference](#)

How to apply

Applications to be submitted to registration@ahcs.ac.uk.

A CV and covering letter are required, please include your AHCS registration number. The covering letter should address the following:

1. Why do you want to be an Regulation Board Associate Member?
2. What interests you about the work of the AHCS?

Applications will close at 9am on Friday 9th of May.

Applications will be assessed by Regulation Board Chair, Joy Tweed.

You will be notified if you have been shortlisted by Friday 23rd of May.

If appointed, you will receive support and mentoring from a Regulation Board member.

Q&A

How long is the appointment?

The appointment is for one year, but could be extended with agreement from the Regulation Board Chair.

What is the time commitment?

The main time commitment will be to attend meetings and the pre reading and preparation required for these meetings. You will be expected to attend all Regulation Board meetings, which are held quarterly and typically take half a day.

Will I be paid?

No, this role does not include remuneration.

Does the role require travel?

Yes, some travel will be required. We hold a mix of virtual and in person meetings through the year, with most being virtual.