



Royal College of Physicians of Ireland 2023 Elections President- Designate and 4 Councillors

Overview

Two important elections will be held in 2023 in the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland:-

- The election of President Designate of RCPI, taking up the role of President on the 18th October 2023
- The election of 4 Fellows (3 seats for Medicine and 1 Occupational Medicine) to RCPI Council.

Nominations for these positions will open in March 2023 (see timelines below).

Being elected to Council provides Fellows with an unrivalled opportunity to shape the College's strategic development through leadership, support and advocacy roles.

Who can vote?

All Fellows of the College (FRCPI) in good standing are eligible to vote. Fellows will be able to vote for their preferred candidates in all categories. You may also be eligible to put yourself forward for election (see eligibility criteria section below).

Timelines

Both the elections for the President-Designate and Councillors will run under the same timelines as follows:

- 8 March 2023 – Call for applications for the role of Ordinary Councillors and President-Designate
- 28 April 2023 – Deadline for applying for the roles
- 17 May 2023 – Ballot opens. All Fellows of the College in good standing can vote
- 5 July 2023 – Ballot closes

Eligibility criteria

a. President-Designate/President

A Fellow (FRCPI) is eligible to hold the Office of President-Designate/President if he/she is:

- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (FRCPI) for at least 5 years;
- In good standing¹;
- Is not prohibited by law from being a charity trustee;
- Is ordinarily resident in Ireland; and
- Is either a current or previous member of Council (within the last 10 years)

¹ In good standing is the status assigned to a Fellow when he or she has remained current on any RCPI dues and payments.

“In good standing” includes any Fellow who neither has voluntarily withdrawn from Fellowship nor has been expelled or suspended from Fellowship after appropriate proceedings consistent with lawful provisions of the Charter, By-Laws and Standing Orders.



b. Councillor

In order to run for election as a Councillor, candidates must be a:

- Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (FRCPI) and
- In good standing
- Is not prohibited by law from being a charity trustee

There will be 4 seats available for Councillors this year.

- Medicine (3 seats)
- Occupational Medicine (1 seat)

All candidates running for a seat under 'Medicine' should be a retired or practicing physician from one of the 18 specialties aligned with Medicine.

All candidates running for seat under Occupational Medicine must hold both FRCPI and Fellowship of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine.

All members of Council will be trustees of the College. Being a trustee is an important role within the College as a registered charity. If you are considering running for election, we advise that you read the following 'Charities Regulator – Guidance for Charity Trustees':

<https://www.charitiesregulator.ie/media/1078/guidance-for-charity-trustees-july-2017.pdf>

Further information:

- [Role Description – President](#)
- [Role Description – Ordinary Councillor](#)
- [Council – Terms of Reference](#)

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