



Royal College
of Physicians

Call for nominations

for RCP Council 2026

Under the terms of Bye-law 19.3, any fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) may propose one or more fellows for election to the RCP Council. Fellows are invited to submit nominations for councillors to serve from 1 August 2026–31 July 2029.

Nominations must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 6 January 2026.

A fellow must be nominated by three fellows for their name to appear on the ballot paper, and the agreement of the nominee must have been obtained. Fellows who have previously served as an elected councillor are not eligible to be nominated. Members of the RCP Board of Trustees and senior officers must not nominate any candidate for these roles. Nominees must also submit a declaration of interests (template provided) and a signed candidate contract by the nomination deadline.

The names of **all** fellows who are so nominated will be included on the ballot paper, Council having renounced its power to select (although it retains the right to add) names to appear on the ballot paper. The electronic signatures and details of fellows who support any nomination can be collected together on one proposal form, or separately on individual forms.

When circulated, the ballot paper will be designed to enable a transferable voting procedure. This allows ranked/preferential voting to occur, meaning fewer wasted votes compared with first past the post (FPTP) elections where the majority of votes often do not contribute to the result. Candidates will also be invited to supply a photograph, a statement and other supporting information to accompany the ballot paper. **This year there will be four seats to fill.**

To receive confirmation that the nomination has been received, please email the signed (electronic signature accepted) nomination form to Simon Land, head of professional governance: simon.land@rcp.ac.uk.

Please use the email subject line: **‘Nomination of Council’**, and then the following wording: ‘I wish to nominate [the name of the candidate], who will also be nominated by [the names of the two other proposers]. I confirm that the candidate is willing for their name to be circulated.’

Please ensure that your own name and other fellows making nominations are included in the message and that they are cc’d to the email. Simon will email in return to acknowledge the safe receipt of your nomination. Any queries concerning the election process should be sent to the same address.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "O Mustafa".

Dr Omar Mustafa
Registrar

November 2025

Nomination form for RCP Council 2026

The RCP is all about our people – our members, staff, volunteers and leaders. We educate, influence and collaborate to improve health and healthcare for everyone and know we can only do this by being inclusive, encouraging and celebrating diverse perspectives. Welcoming into our community people who represent the 21st-century medical workforce and the diverse population of patients we serve is a priority for us.

Nominations must be received by the registrar **by 5pm on Tuesday 6 January 2026** and the agreement of the nominee must have been obtained.

Please write names in block capitals.

I propose for election to Council:

Candidate's surname _____

Forename(s) _____

RCP code _____

Principal appointment, including place of work (for contact purposes)

Name of proposer _____

RCP code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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RCP code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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RCP code _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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No candidate shall canvass for votes directly or indirectly for membership, fellowship or any office, distinction, advancement or promotion in the RCP or in any faculty or joint faculty of the RCP except as may be expressly permitted by the Council.