

MRC Board and Panel Recruitment Survey 2024

Overview

Thank you for taking the time to apply to be an MRC Board or Panel Member.

In the survey we will ask you to provide the following information. Check that you have this information to hand before you begin:

- which vacancies you are applying to
- a list (30 - 60 words) of the key areas of your expertise
- details of funding panel membership
- if applicable, your open researcher and contributor ID (ORCID) number
- details of funding you have secured and in what capacity
- a short paragraph (approximately 250 words) about your motivation for applying
- examples of how you have contributed to the wider research community (approximately 250 words)

If you have any queries on the application process, contact: MRC.EventsandCommitteesTeam@mrc.ukri.org <<http://MRC.EventsandCommitteesTeam@mrc.ukri.org>> .

This survey has been created using an accessible theme and survey checklist. An accessible survey is designed so that people with varying hearing, movement, sight, and cognitive abilities can complete it. However, if you require the application in a different format contact MRC.EventsandCommitteesTeam@mrc.ukri.org <<http://MRC.EventsandCommitteesTeam@mrc.ukri.org>> .

Deadline

4:00pm UK time Monday 30 September 2024

Data Protection

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) will use the personal data you give us to:

- manage recruitment to current vacancies
- help us identify potential members for other panels and committees
- to publish membership details on the UKRI website: www.ukri.org/about-us/mrc/board-and-panel-membership/ <<http://www.ukri.org/about-us/mrc/board-and-panel-membership/>>

We will store your data securely and handle it in line with UK data protection legislation.

If you would like to know more, including how to exercise your protection rights, see the UKRI privacy notice www.ukri.org/who-we-are/privacy-notice/ <<http://www.ukri.org/who-we-are/privacy-notice/>> .

For all individuals, the information provided will be retained for up to one year.

For appointed individuals, the information is retained in accordance with the UKRI retention schedule. For more details, refer to the UKRI Privacy Notice.

For information on how Citizen Space uses your data, refer to their Privacy Policy.

Personal details

1 Title

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Dr
- Professor
- Mr
- Mrs
- Ms
- Miss
- Mx
- Other (please specify)

If Other

2 Name

First name *(Required)*

Surname *(Required)*

3 Date of birth

(Required)

Please select only one item

- I wish to disclose
 Prefer not to say

(Optional)

Day Month Year
 - -

Diversity monitoring

The MRC values the diverse skills and experience of the members of its boards and panels. We are committed to achieving equality of opportunity for all.

Why we're asking

Conducting diversity monitoring of our boards and panels is one way we embed equality, diversity, and inclusion in all we do. This ensures that the way we fund and assess applications embraces a diversity of:

- thought
- people
- geographical location
- ideas

Find out more about how [MRC and UKRI support equality, diversity and inclusion](http://www.ukri.org/what-we-do/supporting-healthy-research-and-innovation-culture/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/mrc/). <<http://www.ukri.org/what-we-do/supporting-healthy-research-and-innovation-culture/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/mrc/>>

Use of information

The confidential information obtained in this section will be used for monitoring purposes. It will not affect the assessment of your application, which will be evaluated based on your skills, aptitudes, and abilities.

Rather, the information you provide will help us to:

- identify under-representation, particularly, where we need to do more to attract, support, or retain certain under-represented groups. We have set targets to increase the representation of women (50%) and members from ethnic minority groups (24%) across our standing boards and panels
 - ensure fairness by reviewing our processes to ensure they are fair and transparent and do not have an adverse impact on any particular group.
 - assess impact and track progress, and the extent to which we are achieving our diversity and inclusion aims
 - respond to individual needs of MRC board and panel members. For example, through providing reasonable adjustments
- Where there is evidenced need, MRC may take appropriate and proportionate interventions. This may include final membership decisions. This is in accordance with our duty to advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

We recognise that some individuals may still regard this information as private. Therefore, the option of 'prefer not to say' is included in all categories.

4 Gender

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Male
 Female
 Non-Binary
 Other
 Prefer not to say

5 Ethnicity

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Arab or Arab British
- Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British - Chinese
- Asian or Asian British - Indian
- Asian or Asian British - Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British - Other
- Black or Black British - African
- Black or Black British - Carribean
- Black or Black British - Other
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White or White British and Asian or Asian British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White or White British and Black African or Black African British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White or White British and Black Caribbean or Black Caribbean British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - Other
- White - British
- White - Irish
- White - English
- White - Scottish
- White - Welsh
- White - Northern Irish
- White - Gypsy, Irish traveller, Traveller or Roma
- White - Other
- Other
- Prefer not to say

If Other (Optional)

6 Disability

Do you identify as having a disability or long-term condition? If you are unsure, consult the definition of disability under the Equality Act 2010

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Further information about your disability or long-term condition and any reasonable adjustments required. We endeavour to support you to fully participate in a board or panel, should you be successful.

Organisation

7 Organisation information

Current employer *(Required)*

Current job title *(Required)*

Type of organisation *(Required)*

Please select only one item

- University
- Industry
- MRC Unit or Institute
- Other (Please specify)

If other

Organisations address, including postcode *(Required)*

Link to your profile on your organisations website

8 Do you have an Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID)?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

ORCID reference

9 Contact details

Email address *(Required)*

Phone number

Expertise

10 Which boards or panels are you applying to and most align with your area of expertise

Appreciating that your expertise may span several boards and panels you may select up to three to apply to.

If successful you will be assigned to one. Refer to the recruitment webpage and [MRC's research portfolio and priorities](http://www.ukri.org/councils/mrc/remit-programmes-and-priorities/) for information on remit.

Most relevant *(Required)*

Please select only one item

- Applied Global Health Research Board
- Clinical Training and Career Development Panel
- Developmental Pathway Funding Scheme Panel
- Equipment Panel
- Experimental Medicine Panel
- Infections and Immunity Board
- Molecular and Cellular Medicine Board
- Neuroscience and Mental Health Board
- Non-Clinical Training and Career Development Panel
- Population and Systems Medicine Board

Indicate which area or areas under this board or panels vacancies you cover (as specified in the recruitment webpage)

(Required)

Second most relevant

Please select only one item

- Applied Global Health Research Board
- Clinical Training and Career Development Panel
- Developmental Pathway Funding Scheme Panel
- Equipment Panel
- Experimental Medicine Panel
- Infections and Immunity Board
- Molecular and Cellular Medicine Board
- Neuroscience and Mental Health Board
- Non-Clinical Training and Career Development Panel
- Population and Systems Medicine Board

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Third most relevant

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- Neuroscience and Mental Health Board
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- Population and Systems Medicine Board

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11 List the key areas of your expertise

As well as the areas highlighted on the recruitment webpage, list your broader expertise in other areas that will positively contribute to the wider board or panel **research portfolio and priorities** <<http://www.ukri.org/councils/mrc/remit-programmes-and-priorities/>>

(30-60 words) *(Required)*

12 Choose other expertise that you can offer MRC as a board or panel member

(select all that apply)

Please select all that apply

- Information or computer science, including artificial intelligence
- Data engineering, operations, systems, or infrastructure
- Software or programming
- International collaborative research
- Multi- disciplinary or inter-disciplinary research and methods
- Cross-sector working (for example across business, third sector, academia, policymakers)
- Public engagement and impact
- Methodological development
- Collection or use of data (for example knowledge of permissions required, analysis or linkage of large datasets)
- Working with or managing a large team of individuals with differing seniority and backgrounds
- Capacity-building (for example delivering doctoral training, supporting or mentoring early carer researchers)

13 Are you clinically qualified?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
 No

14 Are you clinically active?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
 No

Track record

15 Have you previously been involved in the assessment of research applications?

(select all that apply)

(Required)

Please select all that apply

- For UKRI - I have provided an expert review in the last 12 months
 For UKRI - I have provided an expert review in the last 3 years
 For UKRI - I have served on a panel in the last 3 years
 Other funder - I have provided an expert review in the last 12 months
 Other funder - I have provided an expert review in the last 3 years
 Other funder - I have served on a panel in the last 3 years
 I have no previous involvement in the assessment of applications for research funding

16 Have you previously applied for funding?

(select all that apply)

(Required)

Please select all that apply

- Yes, from any of the UKRI research councils (AHRC, BBSRC, EPSRC, ESRC, MRC, NERC, STFC, or Innovate UK)
 Yes, from another UK funder
 Yes, from an international funder
 No, I have not applied for funding

If you answered yes, specify the funder

17 Have you been awarded a grant?

(select all that apply)

(Required)

Please select all that apply

- Yes, from any of the UKRI research councils (AHRC, BBSRC, EPSRC, ESRC, MRC, NERC, STFC, or Innovate UK)
- Yes, from another UK funder
- Yes, from an international funder
- No, I have not been awarded funding
- No, I have not applied for funding

If you answered yes, specify the funder, grant reference and role on the grant (for example lead applicant, co-applicant)

18 List up to five funding panels that you have been a member of and your tenure

Use the format: **funding organisation, committee or panel, tenure**

If you have no previous experience on a review committee or panel, then write **N/A**

Experience 1 *(Required)*

Experience 2

Experience 3

Experience 4

Experience 4

Experience 5

19 List appointments to positions of responsibility such as corporate or leadership roles within your department, institution or organisation, and recognition by invitation within your sector

Justification for application

20 Explain why you are applying to be an MRC board or panel member and your suitability for the role

What is your motivation for applying?

(Approx. 250 words) *(Required)*

21 Provide relevant supporting examples of how you have contributed to the wider research community, including contributions to increasing research integrity and improving research culture

For example advancing and promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion, staff network involvement, mobility of researchers, engagement and outreach, reward and recognition of researchers' various activities.

(Approx. 250 words) *(Required)*

22 Are there any circumstances that you would like to be taken into consideration that may have influenced your career progression as a researcher?

For example: disability, illness, career breaks, caring and childcare responsibilities, secondments, volunteering, part-time work and other relevant experience (including time spent in different sectors)

(Approx. 250 words)

23 Commitment

The average amount of time spent by members on board or panel business is equivalent to about two days a month for all activities. However, meetings and preparatory work need to take place at specific times across the year.

Research Boards currently meet three times a year, each meeting lasting between one and two full days depending on the agenda. Panels and the Applied Global Health Research Board meet two or three times a year.

We continue to hold some meetings virtually, as well as in person, when possible, to improve engagement and networking. Attendance at in person meetings is expected. Hybrid and flexible options are available for people who need reasonable adjustments.

I confirm that I can commit to the role as a board/panel member *(Required)*

24 Induction

If successful, all new members are expected to participate in an induction meeting. This is currently planned for 5 February 2025.

The meeting will be an opportunity for you to meet the MRC Executive Chair, other senior MRC staff, and your board or panel chair and support teams. The induction enables us to provide guidance on your role and an overview of the MRC, its strategic ambitions, functions and methods of operations where these relate to the work of the research boards and panels.

I confirm that I understand I would be expected to attend the induction *(Required)*

Suitability for appointment

A positive answer to any of the below questions will not necessarily prevent you being considered for board or panel membership. However, MRC Head Office staff will contact you to discuss the circumstances before taking your application forward.

25 Have you ever been found guilty of scientific misconduct?

(Required)

Please select only one item

Yes

No

26 Are there any allegations of scientific misconduct against you currently under investigation?

(Required)

Please select only one item

Yes

No

27 Is there anything that might compromise or bring into question your suitability to hold a public appointment?

For example: personal bankruptcy or recent criminal conviction

(Required)

Please select only one item

Yes

No