



The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Vacancies for Membership of the Surgical Specialty Board in Cardiothoracic Surgery

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) is pleased to announce that the **Surgical Specialty Board (SSB) in Cardiothoracic Surgery** is recruiting new members.

The Surgical Specialty Boards (SSBs) are constituted within the internal governance structure of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and exist primarily to support, advise and assist the College and its Council across the breadth of core College activities as they relate to specialty matters and developments. In addition, the SSBs play a critical role in facilitating reciprocal engagement and communication between the College and the surgical specialties across the UK.

In fulfilling this purpose, the SSBs also undertake activity and duties, as agreed with and on behalf of the College, in Education, Examinations, Professional and Clinical Standards, Public Policy and External Engagement.

Applicants must be current Fellows of the College in good standing. Experience indicates that applicants who are UK-based are likely to be best able to fulfill the requirements of the role, however, all valid nominations will be considered. In the case of SSB members who are based overseas, the expectation is that attendance at meetings shall normally be by virtual means.

The role includes attending twice-yearly SSB board meetings either in person at the College offices in Edinburgh or Birmingham, online, or by telephone. This role is unremunerated but reasonable expenses for travel and subsistence will be reimbursed on production of receipts and appropriate claim forms. As with all travel on College business, SSB members will be expected to travel in accordance with the College Travel Policy. The average time commitment for this role is approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour per week.

The position is for an initial three-year term and thereafter the appointee is eligible for reappointment for a further one year, subject to performance and at the discretion of College Council.

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If you would like to be considered for membership of the SSB, please send a covering letter outlining what you would bring to the role and what you would hope to achieve during your term of office, a brief CV and the names and contact details of two suitable referees to:- Lindsey Lawson, SSB Secretariat, email: committeeadministrator@rcsed.ac.uk

For informal enquiries or discussions regarding the role, please contact:- Mr Sridhar Rathinam (Chair) at sridhar.rathinam@uhl-tr.nhs.uk

The deadline for applications is: 09:00 on Monday 25th October 2021.

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