



**The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
Surgical Specialty Board in Cardiothoracic Surgery - Trainee Representative**

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) is pleased to announce a vacancy for a ***Trainee Representative*** position within the **Surgical Specialty Board (SSB) in Cardiothoracic Surgery**.

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.

We wish to appoint an enthusiastic trainee representative who will facilitate communications between cardiothoracic trainees and the SSB to provide input from trainees on the activities of the SSB. This includes participating in discussions and helping to develop the RCSEd educational programme.

Applicants should be working at trainee level in cardiac or thoracic surgery, with an NTN, and must be a Surgical Member of the RCSEd in good standing.

The appointee will take office from November 2021. The position is for an initial two-year term and thereafter the appointee is eligible for reappointment for a further one year. However, the period of office will cease should the appointee be successful in gaining a consultant position.

The role includes attending twice-yearly SSB board meetings either in person at RCSEd in Edinburgh, 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.



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If you would like to be considered for this position, 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 discussions, please contact either the SSB Chair: Mr Sridhar Rathinam sridhar.rathinam@uhl-tr.nhs.uk or the current Trainee Representative: Edward Caruana Edwardcaruana@nhs.net.

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

The College's membership is diverse and we aspire to ensure that this diversity is represented through our internal governance and decision-making structures, whether this be via appointed or elected positions. In all cases, we particularly welcome applications or nominations from suitably qualified individuals from protected characteristic groups that are currently underrepresented on College boards, committees or groups, who may bring different experiences, skills and perspectives to our discussions and decision-making. Reasonable adjustments for disability will be implemented for those who require them.