



EMERGENCY MEDICINE TRAINEES' ASSOCIATION

Application to join the Emergency Medicine Trainees' Association (EMTA) Environmental Specialist Interest Group Rep

Background

The vision of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine's Environmental specialist interest group is to improve the environmental sustainability of both RCEM itself and the practice of emergency medicine in the UK.

To achieve this the ESIG has developed the following strategic objectives:

- To support RCEM to become net zero carbon by 2040 or sooner
- To support efforts of the Greener NHS team in getting the UK healthcare system to net zero carbon by 2040 by researching environmental sustainable emergency medicine practice
- To build the reputation of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine as a leading voice in environmental sustainability in healthcare

To achieve this ESIG has a mission:

- To provide a network for members and fellows involved in environmental sustainability
- To build an online platform 'The GreenED' which provides advice and resources for emergency departments to improve their environmental sustainability
- To promote environmental sustainability in emergency medicine activities to RCEM members and fellows
- To liaise with medical colleges both nationally and internationally and groups such as UK health alliance on climate change in matters relating to environmental sustainability
- To encourage opportunities for practice training and research in environmental sustainability and emergency medicine

The EMTA rep to the ESIG is in a great position to contribute to the work of the committee and ensure that the trainee voice is heard in all aspects of its work.

Job Description

As a trainee representative you will provide insight into the trainee perspective on matters arising, maintain vigilance for policy which may have adverse outcomes to trainees generally or minority trainee sub-groups (e.g. LTFT, dual trained, protected characteristics) and advocate for changes which can improve the quality and equitability of training delivery in the UK. Primarily you should be able to give input from trainees collectively, and then from your own perspective. The candidate would also be expected to summarise discussions and communicate to the EMTA Committee, regional representatives and wider cohort of trainees.

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The appointed applicant will represent EMTA at the ESIG, which meets four times each year, with most meetings lasting two hours. These meetings may be face-to-face or via a virtual platform. RCEM will pay expenses for you to attend the face-to-face meetings, though even these can be attended via video conferencing. Outside of the meetings the committee communicates primarily through email, though there is a WhatsApp group which is occasionally used.

The successful applicant would hold additional responsibilities within EMTA including attendance at three EMTA committees meetings per year and to offer assistance in other matters pertaining to EMTA activity, such as the annual conference, and trainee representation. The successful applicants would be expected to contribute the EMJ supplement on an issue relevant to their representative role if relevant There is at least one meeting in person and others via Zoom. The next virtual meetings are in November 2024 and Jan/Feb 2025, with face-to-face meeting in June/July 2025.

The candidate would be expected to abide by the EMTA and RCEM Codes of Conduct, including the requirement to maintain regular communication with the EMTA Committee and be responsive to requests and feedback. Additional roles and responsibilities to best utilise areas of the applicant's interest will be discussed on an individual basis with successful applicants.

The work commitment would be expected to average out to approximately 1-2 hours per week. As per RCEM Guidance, departments would be expected to support formal commitments via Professional Leave. The post is honorary. Reasonable expenses for travel and subsistence will be payable in accordance with College policy.

Person Specification

- The applicant must be an Emergency Medicine Trainee, currently holding a Dean's Reference Number (for ACCS-EM trainees) or National Training Number (for run-through or HSTs).
- The applicant may presently be in training or Out of Programme.
- The candidate will need to be able to demonstrate an ability to deliver professionally and enthusiastically in their role, to meet deadlines and to communicate effectively at all times.
- We understand that the role of trainee representation can, at times, be onerous on an already stretched workload. We would request candidates be realistic about their abilities to take on any additional responsibility at present whilst warmly welcoming any of those who feel motivated by improving EM training to join us.
- Trainee representation experience would be advantageous but not essential.
- The current application is for a 24 month term to be reconsidered for a second term if remaining eligible.

Essential criteria for the Environmental Specialist Interest Group:

- Interest in and commitment to environmental sustainability
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Desirable criteria for the Environmental Specialist Interest Group:

- Previous experience of a project improving environmental sustainability
- Training and/or qualification in environmental sustainability
- Links with networks and/or stakeholders in environmental sustainability
- Publications, grants or research experience relevant to environmental sustainability

Application

Application is by written personal statement not exceeding 600 words. We would ask candidates to pay particular attention to the requirements, expectations and desirable characteristics expressed within this advert and take effort to highlight previous or current experience relevant to these. We would please ask candidates to clearly state their grade, date of commencement of sub-specialty training and expected CCT date and, if known, their career plans over the next 24 months.¹

Applications to: emta.committee@gmail.com

Closing date: 21st November 2024

Thank you very much in advance for your application,

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