

Vice President (Academic)

Term of Office	Two years, renewable once (max term four years). Term starts September 2026.
Where does this role fit in?	<p>The Vice President (Academic) role is part of the Members Advisory and Prioritisation Council (MAPC). MAPC provide oversight and effective member-led prioritisation of IPEM’s activities inclusive of educational, scientific, professional & policy. You’ll bring an academic perspective to IPEM’s future strategic priorities to meet the needs of the Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering (MPCE) community, ensuring maximum impact and efficiency of IPEM’s work.</p> <p>You will support the CEO and National Office staff by undertaking ‘horizon-scanning’ to identify appropriate roles, contacts, partnerships and activities for IPEM in this area.</p> <p>You’ll also serve as the Chair of the Prizes and Awards Committee, facilitating medal prizes, grants and awards being awarded to IPEM Members.</p> <p>The VP Academic also attends the Journals sub-committee to ensure appropriate academic representation.</p>
Examples of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise the President, via MAPC, on internal and external issues, policies and developments relating to academic practice and activities across the UK. • Represent the Institute at relevant meetings, events and external forums, as agreed with the President • Undertake ‘horizon-scanning’ to identify emerging opportunities, partnerships and strategic priorities for IPEM. Proactively build and sustain relationships with key academic bodies • Support membership development by advising on the recruitment, engagement and retention of members from academic settings • Act as independent reviewer for complaints relating to course reviews and accreditation decisions, ensuring fairness and consistency. • Collaborate with MAP Council leadership, particularly the Science, Technology, Engineering Council (STEC) and National Office staff to share academic expertise and contribute to the wider work of the Institute. • Engage and mobilise academic members, encouraging active participation in working groups, committees and other Institute activities. • Chair the Prizes and Awards Committee, providing leadership in recognizing excellence across the academic community.
Time Commitment (Meetings and ad-hoc)	Four meetings of MAPC per year, usually three 90-minute online meetings and one 5-hour in-person meeting, typically in York or London. Two to three Prizes and Award meetings with time to assess applications in between.

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What you get out of it	<p>This is a unique opportunity to shape and champion the voice of Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering (MPCE) professionals working in academia across the UK. By sharing your knowledge and expertise, you will play a vital role in supporting and strengthening the wider community.</p> <p>The role offers a rewarding platform to broaden your influence, build meaningful connections, and develop both existing and new skills, making a valuable contribution to your continuing professional development.</p> <p>By volunteering with IPEM, you will be directly contributing to our shared mission of improving health through physics and engineering in medicine, while helping to shape the future of the profession.</p>
Support available	<p>You'll receive an induction, a welcome handbook and volunteer guide when you start in your role. Support can be given by other Vice Presidents, President, Past/Elected President, Directors of STEC and EPSC.</p> <p>MAPC is supported by the IPEM CEO, Operations and Governance Manager and other IPEM colleagues, name and contact details are listed on the website.</p>

Eligibility Requirements

Membership	Full Member or Fellow
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-depth knowledge and understanding of the UK Higher Education sector including current research landscapes, trends and developments in academic physics and engineering. • Extensive networks and strong engagement with Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) delivering relevant programmes and hosting associated academic departments and research teams. Experience at a professorial level, or in a comparable senior academic leadership role, is desirable.
Skills and Attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong knowledge of the academic landscape of medical physics, clinical engineering and bio-engineering, including awareness of relevant international organisations and networks. • Proven ability to build and sustain effective partnerships with Higher Education institutions and research organisations. • Highly developed communication, leadership and chairing skills, with the confidence to engage and influence across a range of stakeholders.