

CONFERENCES AND TRAINING PANEL

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Term: Up to 3 years, in line with student status **Time commitment:** A minimum of 3 meetings per year, plus preparation and occasional activity between meetings

The Conferences and Training Panel oversees and agrees a financially viable and balanced programme of scientific and training events. It also helps shape the Society's training, public engagement and careers-related activities, identifies gaps in provision and considers the needs of the wider bioscience community.

To see the current make-up of the Panel, visit the [Conferences and Training Panel webpage](#).

The Student Representative will bring the perspectives, experiences and priorities of students to the Panel. They will help the Panel understand what students value, need and may find challenging when engaging with scientific meetings, training, careers and public engagement opportunities, and support the development of activities that are relevant, accessible and meaningful to students.

They will be expected to bring curiosity, insight and a willingness to consider different perspectives, helping the Panel ask the right questions and identify opportunities to make a positive difference for students.

Role responsibilities

- Attend and actively participate in Panel meetings.
- Read and consider papers in advance of meetings and contribute constructively to discussions.
- Advise on students' training, scientific meeting, careers and public engagement needs, including what students value and any barriers that may affect participation.
- Provide a student perspective on event and training proposals, including their relevance, accessibility, format and potential benefit to students.
- Help identify gaps and emerging needs in the Society's events and training provision for students.
- Ask questions and respectfully challenge assumptions where appropriate.
- Consider how proposed activities may be experienced by students from different backgrounds, disciplines, institutions and circumstances.
- Where appropriate, seek informal feedback and perspectives from fellow students and student networks.
- Support the promotion of relevant Society opportunities through student networks where appropriate.

Requirements

- Currently studying for an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in biochemistry or a related molecular biosciences subject.
- Able to communicate ideas clearly and confidently and engage constructively with different perspectives.
- Interested in scientific meetings, training, careers, public engagement, and in improving opportunities for students.
- Willing to ask questions and challenge assumptions respectfully.

- Respectful, open-minded and willing to consider alternative viewpoints.
- Able to prepare for and attend meetings, complete agreed actions within the required timescales, and handle sensitive information appropriately.

The following would be an advantage but are **not essential**:

- Experience of student representation or involvement in a student society or network.
- Experience of volunteering, outreach, event organisation, advocacy or campaigning.

Previous committee experience is **not required**. We are interested in what candidates could bring to the role and their willingness to learn and contribute.