

Policy, Education and Communities Committee

Education Policy Representative

Term: 5 years

Time commitment: 3 meetings per year, plus preparation and occasional activity between meetings

The Policy, Education & Communities Committee (PECC) oversees several important aspects of Society's work: shaping and promoting membership; involvement in science and education policy; promotion of teaching, education and careers; external impact, reputation, and advocacy.

The Education policy representative keeps the committee informed of developments impacting education, teaching, learning and training in molecular biosciences and ensures this area of policy is appropriately considered and prioritised in the Society's overall policy efforts and the wider work of the committee.

Role responsibilities:

- Attend and actively participate in PECC meetings, bringing an informed perspective to the varied discussions of the committee.
- Provide the committee with timely information on key policy developments impacting molecular biosciences education and training, and where appropriate, advising on appropriate responses.
- Work alongside other policy representatives to steer, and work with other members as appropriate to develop, policy activities such as position statements, responses to consultations, etc.
- Where appropriate, identify potential collaborations with partner organisations to increase the impact and reach of policy initiatives.
- Among the community, support and advocate for the Society's activities and Society membership.

Requirements:

- Knowledge of/interest in education policy, such as evidence of institutional involvement in teaching/education, or engagement with key UK education policy bodies.
- Ability to keep abreast of the key developments and changes impacting molecular biosciences education.
- Able to communicate ideas clearly and confidently and engage constructively with different perspectives
- Willing to ask questions and challenge assumptions
- Be respectful, open-minded and willing to consider alternative viewpoints
- Be able to prepare for and attend meetings, complete agreed actions within the required timescales, and handle sensitive information appropriately.