

Criteria for AUKUH membership

For Trusts applying from 1 January 2017, membership of the Association will be restricted to those that satisfy the following criteria:

1. In terms of research:
 - a. The Trust shall have in place with the University a Memorandum of Understanding on Joint Working for Effective Research Governance;
 - b. The Trust shall demonstrate that it is working collaboratively with the Faculty to develop an agreed joint research strategy;
 - c. There shall be evidence of significant research activity within the Trust, much of which will involve collaboration with University staff. This will include:
 - i. A core number of University principle investigators (minimum of ten University staff with honorary contracts) to be based on site;
 - ii. The research output to be REF returnable;
 - iii. For Trusts in England, an average Research Capability Funding of at least £100k average p.a. over the previous two years.
2. The Faculty and University Hospital shall maintain strategic links and a close working relationship, which shall include:
 - a. University representation on the Trust's Local Awards Committee for considering nominations for Clinical Excellence Awards;
 - b. University representation on the Trust's Advisory Appointments Committees for Consultant posts;
 - c. Board membership of a non-Executive Director from the Faculty;
 - d. The Trust's Chief Executive attending formal meetings with the Faculty Dean's Advisory Committee.
3. The Trust shall provide for the University practice placements for undergraduate medical students and for students from at least one other healthcare profession (dentistry, nursing, or one or more of the allied health professions).
4. The Trust shall provide for undergraduate students appropriate library facilities, IT facilities with Internet access, and teaching facilities. There may be integrated provision for postgraduate and undergraduate education.
5. The Trust shall have a Lead Placement Contact approved by the Faculty of Medicine, to be responsible for undergraduate education, for each of the professions for which it provides placements.
6. The Trust must be able to demonstrate to the University that it provides high quality clinical education. This will require evidence of the following:
 - a. Flexibility:
 - i. Flexibility in light of any changing needs of the Faculty in respect of undergraduate education;
 - b. Appropriate human resources:
 - i. Ability on part of Trust staff to deliver the curriculum and assessments determined by the Faculty;
 - ii. Provision by Trust staff of appropriate student supervision as agreed with the Faculty. This may involve staff from a range of professions and grades;
 - iii. The participation by core Trust teaching staff in appropriate training;
 - c. A collaborative working partnership:

- i. The availability of Trust staff to provide teaching and supervision and to respond to student queries and problems in a timely manner;
 - ii. Collaboration between Trust staff and University staff, for example, regarding curriculum development;
 - iii. Full cooperation by Trust staff in monitoring and evaluating the quality of education provision, and in facilitating student evaluation;
 - iv. The readiness of Trust staff to respond to feedback from students and the Faculty;
 - v. Evidence of action by trust on Faculty quality assurance measures;
- d. Resources:
- i. Provision of appropriate support staff, equipment and accommodation for Lead Placement Contracts;
 - ii. Provision for students of access to lockers and appropriate facilities;
- e. For Trusts in England, evidence of compliance with:
- i. The Learning and Development (LDA) between the Trust and Health Education England;
 - ii. The Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Trust and the Faculty.

To make an application for membership of the AUKUH, the Trust is required to provide a letter outlining how the above criteria are satisfied.

In addition, the Trust will be required to provide a letter of support from the Dean of Medicine of the local Medical Schools Council member–University, outlining the breadth and depth of the research and teaching at the Trust.

Applications for AUKUH membership should be addressed to “Professor Peter Homa, Chair, AUKUH, Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HD” and will be considered at the next Association meeting.