

**Focus and Priorities of
the Academic Faculty of
the Royal College of Psychiatrists**



The focus of the Academic Faculty is on those issues of specific relevance to academic psychiatry.

The Academic Faculty is open to all College members and fellows who have an interest in academic psychiatry. It is of special relevance for those working within universities and other academic institutions and those for whom research and/or teaching comprise a substantial part of their workload.

The priorities for the Faculty include:

- Representing the views and interests of academic psychiatrists of all levels within the College.
- Encouraging the College to lobby for resources for psychiatric research and training with external organisations
- Promoting academic psychiatry as a career
- Advising on academic aspects of training (i.e. research and teaching skills) for all psychiatrists and on all aspects of training for academic psychiatrists
- Advising on issues relating to CPD appraisal and revalidation for academic psychiatrists.
- Promoting and facilitating psychiatric research.
- Encouraging and facilitating the highest academic standards at College meetings.
- Encouraging Higher Education Institutions to offer relevant and appealing curricula in undergraduate psychiatry.
- Improving the quality of, and evidence base for, teaching in psychiatry

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