

Frequently asked questions

Q: When is the deadline to apply?

A: Midnight on 4 April 2023

Q: If I apply for the Psych Star Scheme, does it mean I cannot apply for the Psychiatry Foundation Fellowship?

A: No – you can apply for the Psychiatry Foundation Fellowship if you have applied for or been awarded the Psych Star Scheme.

Q: Can I apply for the Psych Star Scheme if I have been unsuccessful previously?

A: Yes

Q: Can I get to choose my mentor?

A: We try to match mentors based on geographical location and specialty preference where possible – this will be discussed with you if you are successful. If there is a specific mentor in mind, we can explore this option.

Q: Can I apply for both the College Psych Star Scheme and the Faculty Psych Star?

A: Yes – please specify this in your application and ensure you have completed the application question for Faculty Psych Star position. Please also put the positions you are applying for in order of preference i.e 1st choice College Psych Star, 2nd choice Forensic Faculty Psych Star.

Q: Is the College open to applicants with disabilities/health conditions?

A: Absolutely! We can discuss any adjustments you may need both at the application stage and after appointment.

Q: How much is the CPD/travel fund?

A: £525.00

Q: Could we use the funding towards an elective?

A: Yes – as long as it is within the year of the award period and approved by your mentor and the College.

Q: How many places are available?

A: There are 10 College Psych Star posts plus Faculty Psych Star posts

Q: What does it mean by ‘remove all identifying information’ in my application?

A: Please remove all details that could identify you or your institution in your applications – this is with the aim to remove unconscious bias. This includes –name, institutions, organisations.

Q: For the list of awards/achievements, are you looking for solely medical related awards or can you include any award from university?

A: You can include any award you have received – it doesn’t have to be related to medicine.

Q: Should the list of awards be on a separate page or in the CV?

A: Please include them in both.

Q: Do you have an example of a CV?

A: Please refer to the BMA website for guidance on how to construct a medical CV.

Q: Will there be interviews?

There will be virtual interviews for the College Psych Star positions and some faculties may decide to interview.