The Royal College of Psychiatrists is a global mental health organisation, with over 19,000 members based in over 89 countries. It is a lead voice in global mental health, working to improve the standards of care delivered to patients worldwide.

**Our mission**

* To share best practice with partners around the world
* To provide opportunities for members, who want to donate their time to services in low- and-middle income countries
* To upskill mental health provision in low-and-middle income countries.
* To share learning from those working in low resource settings
* To roll out base line funded College support to low-and- middle income countries.

**College Volunteers**

The Volunteer Scheme, within the overarching [International Strategy](https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/docs/default-source/members/international-divisions/rcpsych-international-strategy.pdf?sfvrsn=b0dda422_6), aims to utilise the skills, knowledge and expertise of our members and partners to best effect. Our volunteers act as advocates of respectful care and pledge to treat all with dignity, privacy and confidentiality and will ensure freedom from physical, mental harm and mistreatment. They will embody the College’s values Courage, Innovation, Respect, Collaboration, Learning and Excellence throughout their professional careers as psychiatrists. RCPsych Volunteers must follow a code of conduct (outlined in the Volunteer’s handbook) to ensure the work of volunteers is delivered to internationally recognised standards.

**Assessment**

You will be interviewed, assessed, and supported by a Volunteer Panel to determine your fitness for the volunteer assignment. The panel will assess your technical expertise, experience, and motivation.

**Travel Risk Assessment**

A comprehensive Travel Risk Assessment will be conducted preceding your deployment, this will include an assessment of the assignment and of the volunteer. If the RCPsych scores your travel to be too risky, we retain the right to revoke the volunteer mission.

The purpose of the Trip Risk Assessment is to provide a thorough and quantifiable assessment of the security and safety risks associated with your trip so any decision to approve or decline the travel is methodologically informed. For the College, risk is measured on the LIKELIHOOD that the threat may occur and its IMPACT on the health, safety, and well-being of the traveller should it occur, after mitigation measures have been put in place.

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| *(this will be a web based form rather than a paper form)* | | | | |
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| First Name: | |  | | |
| Title: | |  | | |
| Membership No. OR D.O.B. | |  | | |
| Phone: | |  | Email: |  |
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| **Skills and Experience**  Are you interested in becoming a | | | | |
|  | Volunteer | | | |
|  | Mentor | | | |
|  | Both | | | |

**Language Skills**

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| **Language** | **Competency (basic, intermediate, advanced)** |
| Mother tongue: |  |
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| Tick your interests  Monitoring and evaluation  Training non-psychiatrists  Training psychiatrists, in  Developing local mental health services  Advocacy  Developing Psychiatric Sub-Specialties  Other:  Summary of relevant experience and skills | |

**Health and Safety**

Do you have any ongoing health concerns that may affect your availability for overseas work?

No

Yes

Do you have any previous experience as a volunteer?

Please list countries that

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Length of assignment

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**Data Protection**

The College’s Data Protection Statement can be viewed at <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/dataprotection>.

By signing this document, you agree to the Royal College of Psychiatrists’ terms and conditions on volunteering and travel.

