

## **Chair of Training The Trainers subcommittee Volunteer Opportunity**

### **About us**

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists is the only membership body for ophthalmologists, representing the profession in the development of standards and the workforce. We have more than 4,000 members that include ophthalmologists in training, consultants, SAS doctors and other professions such as ophthalmic nurses, orthoptists and optometrists.

The College has 4 Strategic Aims:

- Drive excellence and best practice in all aspects of ophthalmology
- Realise change through our leadership voice
- Support learning and development across the specialty
- Build a thriving and sustainable community in and around the College

We welcome all members from diverse backgrounds, age, gender orientation and experiences. As an inclusive organisation, we encourage diversity and equal access to opportunities to take up roles and lead in the work of the College.

By volunteering with the College, you can actively contribute to the work we do in developing policy and standards to safeguard patient care and a sustainable workforce. As well, you will have the unique opportunity to work with colleagues and staff with a wide range of experience and knowledge, learn management and leadership skills and develop a varied and mutually beneficial network in the UK and internationally.

We hope you can join us!

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**Name of position: Chair of Training The Trainers subcommittee**

**Start date: May 2025**

**Term: 3 years**

**Time commitment: Estimated at 8 days per year for attendance at required meetings and for planning work**

**Number of vacancies: 1**

**Meetings: 2 x Education Committee meetings per year (one of which is online) and 2 x half day TTT subcommittee meetings per year which are online. There are also 2**

**Advanced Trainers and Educators meetings per year (one of which can be online)**

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### **About the position**

The purpose of the Training The Trainers (TTT) subcommittee is to develop and coordinate the provision of the Training The Trainers programme for the College and its members. It is accountable to the Education Committee. The Chair of the TTT subcommittee is a member of the Education Committee.

The TTT programme currently includes courses for Trainees, Supervisors, College Tutors, OPT, Surgical, and Advanced Trainers and Educators.

As Chair you will oversee the delivery of the TTT programme by the members of the subcommittee and have responsibility for ensuring that the Education Committee performs its duties set out in its Terms of Reference, as well as supporting and giving guidance to the members of the Sub-committee.

## **Criteria for position**

### **Essential**

- Consultant of 3 years standing minimum
- Member of the College (Fellow, Member, Affiliate Member, Associate Member)
- Active involvement in education and training of postgraduate trainees in ophthalmology
- An active interest in education and training
- Experience of delivering courses that teach education or training
- Ability to prepare written reports and present effectively at meetings
- Broad understanding of the work of the College in Education, Training and Standard Setting
- Ability to represent the RCOphth and present to people of all levels
- The support of your Trust

### **Desirable**

- Current TTT Faculty Member or Regional TTT Lead with good knowledge of the existing courses and material

### **Benefits**

The importance of trainers being appropriately trained for their role is now widely recognised for Teachers, Educators, Clinical and Educational Supervisors, College Tutors and higher level roles including Regional Education Advisors, Regional Education Leads, Training Programme Directors, and Heads of School. It is important that these skills are developed from an early stage, and they can assist with learning as well as training. As service pressures increase and resources for education and training diminish it is essential to be able to make the most of any training opportunity and ensure that all teaching and training is highly effective. By taking on the role of Chair of TTT you will be able to lead and develop this high quality training.

You will also be able to provide tangible evidence of your commitment to education and training as part of your annual appraisal and revalidation process, and you will be able to include the experience in your CV to enhance your career prospects.

### **How to apply**

To apply for this exciting opportunity, please complete the [volunteer application form here](#) or on our website.

Please also feel free to email Gareth Brennan [gareth.brennan@rcophth.ac.uk](mailto:gareth.brennan@rcophth.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

All eligible individuals will be contacted via email. Eligible individuals will be asked to attend an online interview.