



British Mycological  
Society promoting fungal science

# Vacancy

## Member of BMS Council

### Chair of Fungal Biology Research Committee

This vacancy offers an opportunity to get involved with the Society, to enable the Society to grow and thrive and achieve our mission of promoting fungal science internationally. We are looking for someone willing to bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the role, and who will broaden the diversity of thinking on our Council. You do not need previous governance experience – we will fully support any individual who suits the role but who may have limited or no experience as a charity Trustee.

Personal skills and qualities:

- Willingness and ability to understand and accept their responsibilities and liabilities as trustees and to act in the best interests of the organisation.
- Ability to think creatively and strategically, exercise good, independent judgement and work effectively as a board member.
- Effective communication skills and willingness to participate actively in discussion.
- A strong personal commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion.
- Enthusiasm for our mission and objectives
- Commitment to [Nolan's seven principles of public life](#): selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

The [Council](#) is the governing body for the Society, ensuring compliance with the [Constitution](#), developing the [strategy](#), and ensuring resources are used effectively to deliver the Society's [mission and objectives](#). The Council works closely with the Executive Officer and other staff of the [BMS Office](#). All members of BMS Council are Trustees of the Society.

### Role outline

#### Chair of the Fungal Biology Research Committee

*Term of office: 3 years*

The remit of the Fungal Biology Research Committee can be seen [here \[link\]](#). Activities associated with the role of Chair of this committee include:

- Chair at least two FMC Committee meetings per year. These meetings are scheduled prior to the BMS Council meetings so that reports and any actions can be brought to Council.
- Represent the FMC Committee at Council meetings (held twice a year) and lead on relevant actions arising from such meetings.
- Have oversight of the BMS strategy. Ensure and support delivery of FBR Committee-specific aims with help from the Committee members, and engage with future strategic reviews.
- Have oversight of FBR Committee composition. With the help of Committee members, identify skills and experience needed within the Committee, and ensure Committee posts are advertised and filled as and when necessary. Secure succession of the Committee Chair.
- Serve as a panel member for BMS grant and award schemes, as required

It is important to note that although there are certain tasks associated with this position, we do not want the roles and remit of the Committee and Chair to be overly prescriptive and would encourage members to bring their own ideas and work to their particular strengths.

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