



Department
of Health &
Social Care



**British
Pharmacopoeia**

Chair of the British Pharmacopoeia Commission (BPC)

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care is looking to appoint a Chair to the British Pharmacopoeia Commission (BPC). The BPC is responsible for preparing new editions of the British Pharmacopoeia (BP) and British Pharmacopoeia (Veterinary) and for keeping them up to date.

The Chair will provide dynamic leadership of the BPC, which will result in the strategic positioning of the BP in order to promote and enhance its standing on the international stage. This includes providing scientific and technical direction to Expert Advisory Groups (EAGs), Panels of Experts and Working Parties responsible for the development of monographs and supporting texts which will enable the publication of quality standards for medicines.

The successful candidate will be recognised by their peers as an eminent member of their profession and will have wide and recent experience as detailed in the information pack. The successful candidate will also possess an in-depth understanding of the purpose and function of a pharmacopoeia and its place in the overall regulatory system (UK and Europe). The successful candidate will also be aware of the factors that influence international pharmacopoeial activities. In addition, they will: possess the ability to Chair a committee/board effectively, be both impartial and objective and have no interests in the pharmaceutical industry (i.e. shares, consultancy fees, etc) or will confirm willingness to relinquish all such interests prior to appointment.

Remuneration will be £500 per meeting for a time commitment of three one-day BPC meetings per year. The Chair will also attend meetings of the European Pharmacopoeia Commission as required (usually three 2-day meetings per year) and meetings of any EAGs to which they are appointed (usually two 1-day meetings per EAG each year). The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care determines the length of appointment, which may be for up to a maximum of 4 years.

For more information, please visit the Public Appointments website:

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The closing date for applications is midday on 02 March 2021. The Department of Health and Social Care values and promotes diversity and encourages applications from all sections of the community.



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