

IPEM Nominated ACS Assessor Role Description

Role	IPEM Nominated ACS Assessor
Term of Office	Ongoing, but requires maintaining HCPC registration as a Clinical Scientist and membership of IPEM.
Meetings	Occasional assessor update sessions/training (whether modality-specific or general for all ACS assessors across all modalities). Normally conducted via MS Teams. It is normally expected that an assessor will attend such a session at least once every three years or at times when a significant change to the assessment process takes place.
Why volunteer?	The ACS assess pre-registration clinical scientists who are not on the NHS Scientist Training Programme (STP) for suitability to gain entry to the HCPC register of Clinical Scientists. Acting as an assessor helps to ensure pre-registration clinical scientists who are suitably qualified, gain HCPC registration in a timely manner, helping to meet the challenges we collectively face with workforce shortfalls. Sharing your professional knowledge, enthusiasm and personal time means we can work together on our mission to improve health through physics and engineering in medicine.
Where does this role fit in?	This is an external role; you will be representing IPEM. The ACS is an assessment body recognised by the HCPC as an 'Education Provider' for Clinical Scientists. The ACS is solely constituted by its member professional bodies, each of whom nominate at least one Director/Trustee to sit on their Board to represent their nominating body's modality thus responsible for interpreting the ACS Generic competences and requirements in the context of the modality they represent. All ACS assessors in the sub-modalities that form the Medical Physics & Clinical Engineering modality are nominated by IPEM.
Who can apply?	HCPC registered Clinical Scientists of at least six years post registration, who are IPEM Full or Fellow members.
Examples of work	The assessment process involves reviewing a candidate's portfolio of evidence, cross referenced to the ACS competences, then (if approved) conducting an assessment interview via MS Teams. Assessments are conducted in pairs with most assessments conducted in the context of both assessors being in the same sub-modality as the candidate presenting for assessment.
Time Commitment	The ACS normally ask an assessor to conduct at least one assessment per year. The time commitment per candidate is envisaged to be approximately one working day (up to 6 hrs for the review of the portfolio and up to 2 hrs for the assessment interview conducted via MS Teams which includes some time to discuss before and after with your co-assessor to form a combined decision)
What you get out of it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with other professionals outside your local network to help with contacts and career progression • Provides CPD and supports your development • Influencing – can have an impact on the career of someone early in

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	<p>the career</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopting our value of inclusiveness in our work means you are helping us towards being a more diverse profession to better reflect a diverse community. • Volunteering as an Assessor supports IPEM in addressing the Clinical Scientist workforce shortages <p>Being involved in the process as an assessor has proven valuable in gaining a better understanding of how to support your own pre-registration clinical scientist trainees on their journey to registration. You also have the opportunity to learn how other departments train their (non-STP) staff and tackle clinical problems when viewing candidates' portfolios and interacting with your co-assessors in the field.</p>
Support available	<p>The ACS provide generic assessor guidance and training manuals and the opportunities to observe experienced assessors conduct assessments in the modality before acting as a full assessor. You are then partnered with an experienced co-assessor in the first instance.</p> <p>During the process of assessing, any questions or concerns can be resolved with the ACS staff team (in relation to any precedents or non-modality-specific requirements), the two ACS Directors/Trustees nominated by IPEM to represent the modality (if of a modality-specific nature) and other members of the Board.</p> <p>As the nominating constituent member professional body, IPEM also provide support to the nominated assessors.</p>

Eligibility Requirements

Membership	Fellow or Full IPEM member and HCPC registered as a Clinical Scientist.
Experience	HCPC registration as a Clinical Scientist of at least six years post registration. An understanding of pre-registration clinical scientist training and the HCPC standards of proficiency for Clinical Scientists.
Skills and Attributes	Have a minimum of six years post-registration experience.