

Role Description and Eligibility Requirements for IPEM Professional Contributor

Role	External Advisor for Part II Training
Term of Office	3 years
No of Meetings	No meeting attendance required
Appointment starts	
Description of the role	<p>For each Part II trainee IPEM appoints an External (Training) Advisor (EA) who has expertise in the trainee's field of specialization and works in another department than the trainee.</p> <p>The EA reviews the structured training plan which has been submitted by the trainee and local supervisor. The training plan should describe how the trainee intends to acquire all the competences needed to satisfy the requirements for the ACS Certificate of Attainment and/or for Full Membership of IPEM. The EA approves the training plan when satisfactory or suggests improvements where necessary. In exceptional cases the EA can recommend that IPEM rejects the proposal, if the EA deems it cannot be made satisfactory.</p> <p>Whereas the majority of trainees have sufficient support and guidance from within their departments, for the duration of the training the EA remains available for consultation and to give advice to trainee and supervisor, usually by phone or email. There is no requirement for the EA to visit the trainee and there is no IPEM budget to fund such visits. The duration of training varies and it is not uncommon that training plans are submitted sometime after a trainee has started in their role. Nonetheless, as a guide ACS would typically expect candidates to require a total of four years of post-graduate experience.</p> <p>Towards the end of their training, trainees may ask for a review of their portfolio or to conduct a mock viva. As the prime responsibility to prepare a candidate for any assessment rests with the training department, it is at the discretion of the EA whether to agree and, if so, the level of scrutiny to apply.</p>

Eligibility Requirements

Membership	Full Member or Fellow and be Registered as a Clinical Scientist
Experience	EAs should be familiar with the aims and requirements of Part II Training, to a level of being able to act as modality assessor for obtaining ACS Certificate of Attainment and/or for Full Membership of IPEM.