

EXPERT PANELLIST: Person specification

Role description

Examples of areas of knowledge, skills and attributes which would be of benefit to the Dunhill Medical Trust include the following:

Knowledge

- An understanding of the process and contribution of peer review in academic and clinical research.
- Understanding and appreciation of the challenges faced by academic and clinical researchers and the strategic context in which they work.

Current priority areas: Our current priority areas of disciplinary interest are:

- In support of our “**suitable living environments and communities for an ageing population**” theme. In particular:
 - Development and/or evaluation of assistive technology developments for supporting independent living and well-being and/or supporting housing communities;
 - Inclusive care provision for diverse groups of older people; equality measures in organisations;
 - Good quality care in residential settings;
 - Housing and community development policy – particularly equity in public policy and policy evaluation;
 - Cognitive ageing, approaches to health and wellbeing in cognitive ageing;
 - Lifestyle detriments and evaluation of lifestyle interventions;
 - Social care and housing. The link between suitable housing and healthier outcomes in later life;
 - Understanding and improving services intended for older people living with long-term conditions, with a focus on community integration;
 - Age-friendly urban and community design and development.

- In support of our “ageing immune system” theme:

In particular:

- “inflammaging”;
- Immuno-senescence;
- Mechanistic causes of age-related changes in the immune response;
- The impact of age-related change on infection and vaccination;
- Strategies to overcome age-related changes in immunity.

Please note: we will be considering applications to calls for proposals under both of these themes at a meeting on 12 October 2021 so, if successful, you may be called on to be available for this meeting.

Skills

Be able to:

- offer knowledge, experience and advice to the officers of the Trust;
- interpret peer review feedback and be prepared to discuss and make recommendations
- discuss complex and/or intractable problems and contribute to solutions, even if these are not perfectly aligned to your own views.

Attributes

Have a real and demonstrable interest in the research and policy environment and the response needed to create a society fit for our ageing population and be willing and able to:

- understand and grasp new challenges and opportunities;
- to respect and contribute to the ongoing development and implementation of the Trust’s policy on equity, diversity and inclusion;
- use professional experience in a relevant manner, whilst at the same time being able to separate oneself from prior allegiances and interests, so that conflicts can be managed openly, with transparency guaranteed.