

Research Team Member, Junior International Committee

Do you have a passion for primary care and global health research?

The Royal College of General Practitioners represents and supports over 53,000 hardworking and dedicated family doctors in delivering quality care to patients.

The RCGP Junior International Committee (JIC) was formed in April 2009 with an exciting objective to facilitate the involvement of GP trainees and First5 GPs in educational international activities related to primary care. The JIC represents the UK in the European Vasco da Gama Movement (VdGM) (www.vdgm.eu) and works in collaboration with the RCGP Associates in Training (AiT) Committee and First5 network. We believe that research is a key aspect of international primary care with a keen interest to promote global health research opportunities.

The JIC is looking for an enthusiastic AiT/First member with a passion for international primary care to join the Research team of our Core Committee. This is the perfect opportunity to engage with other AiTs/First5s from the UK, Europe and around the world, whilst contributing to today's research.

The standard term of office is 3 years.

To be successful an application and Skype interview is required for the role

What does the role involve?

- act as a key source of support for early-career GPs in Europe interested in research in Primary Care and liaising with the VdGM Research group.
- work with the VdGM team to co-ordinate nominations for the annual VdGM Junior Researcher Award and Promising Researcher Award.
- encourage GP trainees and early career GPs to submit and publish research in the UK at local, national and international levels.
- design, deliver and participate in the WONCA Europe and RCGPAC Conference workshops/ oral presentations/posters as well as coordinating, reviewing and supporting submissions across the JIC.
- conduct regular Skype meetings with the Education and Training group and other interested GP trainees and First5 GPs to support and facilitate the development of proposals and conducting and writing up of research relevant to the JIC.
- provide regular JIC 'bites' - short summaries of relevant research, policy, knowledge, projects and skills of likely interest to early career GPs interested in primary care for distribution through our social media and other channels every 2-3 weeks.
- develop links with SAPC and RCGP through the Special Interest Group 'Research and Development in Resource-Poor Countries'.

This role outline is binding in honour only, and is not intended to be legally binding

- support other JIC members in the evaluation, presentation and distribution of the committee's successes and activities, including taking a leading role in monitoring and evaluating the work of the committee for use both within the committee and sharing with external stakeholders
- support other JIC members to increase the visibility and impact of the JIC through support, coordination and feedback on conference presentations, and increasing frequency of publications including both peer-reviewed articles and blogs, book reviews and opinion pieces
- help maintain an active network for early-career GPs in Europe interested in research in Primary Care, liaising with the VdGM Research group
- develop new collaborations with International researchers in Primary care (starting with Japan)
- adhere to the relevant policies and procedures of RCGP, including our Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Equality and Diversity, Data Protection and Confidentiality policies
- opportunities to get involved in other areas of RCGP's work, such as our policy and campaigns work

Meetings & Events

- Annual JIC meeting in London (January)
- Annual WONCA Europe Conference (May/June)
- Annual RCGP Conference (October)
- Virtual or face-to-face meetings with project working groups as necessary
- JIC Symposium (TBC)

What skills and qualities do you need?

RCGP is committed to equal opportunities and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

- keen motivation for applying and the opportunity involved
- an in depth understanding of the benefits and challenges related to the role (desirable)
- awareness of national and an interest in international issues, in particular to academic general practice (essential) and an ability to/experience of working in international networks related to health, research and/or education (desirable).
- ability to work in cross culture contexts, tact and diplomacy
- demonstrable leadership skills (desirable)
- be a current RCGP Member or Fellow in good standing, in particular as a GP trainee or First5 Member
- motivation to work towards running and developing the JIC
- working knowledge of the RCGP and JIC (desirable)
- have good interpersonal and communication skills
- be reliable
- able to work as part of a team
- well organised and able to complete tasks effectively and efficiently
- willingness to uphold the values of RCGP. Our values are **Care, Leadership, Excellence** and **Teamwork**

What we can offer you

- A full induction, training or brief to your role
- On-going support and guidance from a lead RCGP member or member of staff
- The opportunity to network with other members and develop your personal and professional skills
- The opportunity to get involved in other areas of RCGP work
- Reimbursement of agreed and reasonable expenses
- The opportunity to contribute to our mission to support great doctors, providing great care.

How to apply

To apply please respond to our short application form along with your CV by **Friday 17th November** to ChairJIC@rcgp.org.uk.

All applications will be carefully considered by the Core Committee and those shortlisted will be invited for an interview over Skype.

For further information please contact ChairJIC@rcgp.org.uk