

Council member role profile



Do you want to help shape the future of intensive care?

For over 50 years the Society has proudly been the home of intensive care. Created by ICU professionals to represent, support and advance our community. The Society is proud to have a multi-professional Council which ensures we give the whole intensive care community a voice.

It is because of this we can be at the forefront of developing and delivering world class learning opportunities; supporting pioneering research; influencing policy makers; publishing essential standards and guidelines; and supporting our diverse community throughout all stages of their careers.

We are looking for two Council members. The roles are open to any eligible member in the Intensive Care Society membership. If you would like to be part of our Council and contribute to the future of intensive care, apply now and have your voice heard!

To apply, please complete and submit the **online nomination form by 19 October at 9am.**

Role of our Council members

As a Council member you will have the opportunity to work with senior leaders and healthcare professionals to help the Society shape the future of intensive care. You will play an integral part in supporting the Society's growth and will join us at an exciting time as we deliver our refreshed five-year [strategy](#).

Council members are heavily involved in delivering our activities which sit broadly under five strategic priorities:

- Grow our membership by delivering quality products and services that support current and future members of the intensive care community.
- Be an influential leader and the voice for our multiprofessional intensive care community, their patients, families and loved ones
- Influence the implementation of standards, guidelines, policies, quality improvement and research.
- Develop an expanded portfolio of quality blended learning activities and accreditation services.
- For SOA to be the leading Congress based on educational content, professional development opportunities and networking for all those involved in Critical Care.

The Society also has a set of core principles which are:

- Patients and their loved ones at the heart of our mission
- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Environmental Sustainability
- Supporting our community to thrive

Roles and responsibilities

The successful candidates will enjoy building relationships with a broad spectrum of individuals and will play an integral role in developing the Society.

As an elected ICS Council member, you will automatically become a Company Member of the Society for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 with some specific responsibilities as set out in our Articles of Association. This gives you opportunity in the future to stand for election as an Honorary Officer and become a Trustee of the Charity.

As a Council member you will:

- Collaborate with fellow intensive care professionals and the Society's management team to implement our five-year strategy
- To act as an ambassador for the Society and act in its best interests, as well as its beneficiaries at all times
- Use knowledge and experience to help advise the Trustee Board to reach robust decisions
- Prepare for and participate in Council and (where appropriate) relevant Committee meetings
- Promote the work of the Society externally to help enhance public confidence and trust

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- Support the operations of the Society and its staff in helping to achieve the Council's strategic vision and the delivery of the charity's mission and objects
- Work to our organisational values:
 - **Collaboration** – We work with others to maximise our impact
 - **Freedom of Expression** – We are bold in our actions and words and we encourage diversity of views
 - **Respect** – We treat everyone with dignity and respect, and accept differences delivering our mission more effectively
 - **Quality** – We provide value by delivering services and products to a consistently high standard

The successful candidate will gain:

- Valuable team working, leadership and influencing skills.
- Insight into the operations and strategy of a complex national membership body and leading intensive care charity
- Valuable networking experience, building contacts for your professional development
- Experience as a Council member, pooling of resources, and knowledge
- Help the charity to achieve its potential and actively work towards achieving positive outcomes for the intensive care community and their patients

Time commitment

You will be expected to participate in four virtual Council meetings per year (one of these potentially taking place as a hybrid meeting). These will require preparatory work, notably familiarising yourself with Council papers. You will also be expected to participate in the annual State of the Art Congress.

Duration of role

Council members are elected for a three-year term and can serve a maximum of two terms (six years). The elected council members will take up office at the Annual Members Meeting in December 2026.

Informal enquiries

Please contact Cecilie Skaarup, Senior Governance and Standards Officer for any questions or more information councilsupport@ics.ac.uk

To apply

Please complete the online **nomination form**, which will include:

- a 200-word statement explaining your motivation to join our Council
- Details of your two Society members supporting your application

Please submit your **online nomination form by 19 October at 9am.**