

Council Chair

Do you have the interest and time to play a part in a key project for the future health of Britain?

The UK Biobank (www.ukbiobank.ac.uk) is a long term project to build a resource for research to improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness and advance the promotion of health.

The independent Ethics and Governance Council (www.egcukbiobank.org.uk) acts as a 'critical friend' to UK Biobank, offering advice in relation to the project's Ethics and Governance Framework and on the interests of participants and the public. In addition the Council monitors the compliance of UK Biobank's activities with the Framework.

The appointee will replace the current Chair, Professor Roger Brownsword, who comes to the end of his term of office. The Chair will have significant expertise in one or more of the following: law, bioethics, philosophy, biomedical science, medical research, social science, health care, public health, public involvement, public policy, epidemiology, information security systems and corporate social responsibility. It is likely you will already have senior level experience in working on advisory or decision-making bodies that act on behalf of the public.

We are looking for a person with excellent judgement, outstanding analytical skills and an ability to address complex issues in a collaborative way. In addition, the Chair will demonstrate leadership qualities, the ability to command public confidence and will have experience of chairing similar bodies.

The new appointment coincides with the completion of the EGC's quinquennial funding review. The Chair will be responsible for implementing the review recommendations in collaboration with the funders and UK Biobank. It is envisaged that the Council will meet three times a year, including an Annual General Meeting where both UK Biobank and the EGC will report on their activities and invite questions. The Chair is expected to attend other meetings and act as a spokesperson. You will be remunerated and your expenses will be paid. The term of appointment is for four years.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please email hr@wellcome.ac.uk for an information pack. The deadline for applications is 23 September. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted in the week of the 12 October. Interviews will take place on 23 October.

Members vacancies will be advertised shortly. Please email to register your interest.

We welcome applications from all sectors of the community.