



# FY1 Representative Role Description

RCS England provides careers support and guidance to surgeons at every stage of their career, including at medical school and during foundation training. One of the priorities for the College is attracting and retaining surgeons to the profession, and the Future Surgeons Forum is one important way to develop this key aim.

The Future Surgeons Forum works:

- To promote surgery as a career choice to medical students and foundation doctors of all grades.
- To build links with medical students by encouraging student representatives to set up and promote networks within their own medical school.
- To create a two-way dialogue to ensure that the College is aware of any issues that are of concern to medical students and foundation doctors.
- To develop a strategy for offering careers advice to medical students and foundation doctors.
- To encourage medical student representatives to hold at least one medical student event locally and to promote the events that the College holds centrally.
- To encourage foundation doctors to have further involvement with the College.
- To conduct on-going research into medical students' experience of surgery in their clinical years and foundation doctors' experience of surgery during their placements.

## Role Description

We are seeking foundation doctors (FY1) with an interest in pursuing a surgical career, who have new ideas for surgical careers support and a desire to support medical students with an interest in surgery.

## Forum tenure

Applicants should be members of RCS England entering into FY1 in August 2026 and will remain on the Forum for a minimum tenure of two years.

## Main function

- To provide feedback and support for RCS England's work and new initiatives around medical student and foundation careers.
- To actively promote the work of RCS England in supporting medical students and foundation doctors.
- To offer support and advice to medical student members of the Forum.
- To encourage engagement with and the promotion of a career in surgery to sixth form and college students.
- To promote the benefits of becoming an [Affiliate Member of RCS England](#).
- To represent RCS England at national and local conferences, and help find volunteers for local events.

## Duties and responsibilities

- To attend a minimum of two Forum meetings per year.
- To support at least one event per year as a representative of the Forum and College. These could include meetings, careers events and workshops.
- To provide support and guidance as necessary to other foundation doctors with an interest in surgery as required (appropriate support and guidance provided).
- To devise and support existing and new work in early surgical career development in collaboration with other Forum members.
- To work with university surgical societies to support events and activities, including attending as speakers and to promote this work to other foundation doctors to encourage supporting their local surgical society.
- To promote and adhere to the College's code of conduct and equality and diversity policy at all times.
- To actively support the College's vision to be an inclusive and diverse professional organisation.
- To promote active engagement with the College's sustainability strategy.

## Benefits

Following attendance at a minimum of two Future Surgeons Forum meetings and at least one event during the year, FY representatives will receive a certificate of participation from the Forum Chair.

Letters of recommendation for your portfolio will also be available for additional supporting activities carried out on behalf of the College.

## Person Specification

Applicants must:

- Be an Affiliate member of RCS England
- Be entering into foundation year 1 (FY1) in August 2026
- Demonstrate proven ability to conceive and carry through projects both individually and as part of a group
- Have a proven interest in surgical careers development

## Key Dates

Meetings of the Future Surgeons Forum will take place on **Friday 16 October 2026 in Manchester** and **Friday 12 March 2027 in London**. FY1 representatives must attend a minimum of two Forum meetings per year.