

PROPOSED ACS INTERVIEW ROUNDS FOR 2018

Generally, most modalities have three one day interview rounds each year with the exception of Medical Physics and Clinical Engineering which has three periods but each of three days.

Interviews will usually be in

- January/February, May and September/October for AUDIOLOGY, EMBRYOLOGY, H&I, CYTOGENETICS, MOLECULAR GENETICS
- February, May and September/October for BIOCHEMISTRY, MICROBIOLOGY, IMMUNOLOGY
- February/March, June/July and October/November for MEDICAL PHYSICS & CLINICAL ENGINEERING

Please note -

- Interviews are not normally arranged for August.
- **Haematology, Blood Transfusion, Respiratory Physiology, Neurophysiology, Ophthalmic & Vision Science, Cellular Science and Developing Sciences** interviews are to be conducted on an ad hoc basis instead of application deadlines for proposed interview assessment dates.

It should be noted that this information should be used as a guideline only. Interviews may take place at any time of year as we cannot be aware of the circumstances placed on assessors, candidates and the national situation at that time.

In addition, if the number of applications received warrants us to do so, we will create additional ad-hoc rounds to cover the additional number of applications. With this in mind it is advised that applicants apply as soon as they meet the necessary criteria and have completed their portfolio.

Throughout the time an application remains in progress candidates are advised to keep the administrative office informed of any periods during which they would be unable to respond to any potential supplementary information/evidence requests or attend a potential assessment interview so this may be factored in to our plans where possible.

ACS APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR RESPECTIVE INTERVIEW ROUNDS FOR 2017

ACS interview schedule for each modality/sub-modality is as follows, with the deadlines for submission normally approximately 12 weeks prior to these dates.

You are urged not to leave submission until the final deadlines since once an interview round is full, further applications may be held over to the subsequent round even if your application was received before the deadline. We may however establish ad hoc assessment rounds should the number of applications in progress deem it efficient to do so.

Conversely, if your application is received a shortly after the set deadline, we will do our best to include you in that round of interviews – but this depends upon there still being a vacant slot and the assessors are able to process your application in time. This cannot be guaranteed and should never be relied upon.

You must ensure you are available around the set interview dates as well as during the period after submission to respond to any requests for further information or clarification of your data. Please notify the office of any dates on which you are not available as soon as they are known so we may consider these in our plans.

The ACS has rules relating to rejected interview offers and these can be found within the guideline documentation.

Medical Physics & Engineering - We cannot guarantee which of the set days will include your interview if accepted, since other over-riding factors affect the setting of the schedule. In the event of you not being available, you may have to reject an interview date and wait for the next round. You should consider this in planning your submission and your commitments.

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Audiology		28 Oct 2016	01 Feb 2017	10 Feb 2017	18 May 2017	09 Jun 2017	19 Sep 2017
Cellular Sciences		ad hoc					
Clinical Biochemistry		04 Nov 2016	07 Feb 2017	24 Feb 2017	24 May 2017	23 June 2017	05 Oct 2017
Clinical Embryology		28 Oct 2016	02 Feb 2017	10 Feb 2017	16 May 2017	09 Jun 2017	20 Sep 2017
Clinical Genetics	Cytogenetics	04 Nov 2016	09 Feb 2017	10 Feb 2017	17 May 2017	02 June 2017	14 Sep 2017
Clinical Genetics	Molecular Genetics	04 Nov 2016	08 Feb 2017	10 Feb 2017	18 May 2017	02 June 2017	12 Sep 2017
Clinical Immunology		04 Nov 2016	08 Feb 2017	24 Feb 2017	25 May 2017	23 June 2017	03 Oct 2017
Clinical Microbiology		04 Nov 2016	09 Feb 2017	24 Feb 2017	23 May 2017	23 June 2017	04 Oct 2017
Clinical Physiology	Neurophysiology	ad hoc					
Clinical Physiology	Ophthalmic & Vision Science	ad hoc					
Clinical Physiology	Respiratory Physiology	ad hoc					
Developing Science		ad hoc					
Histocompatibility & Immunogenetics		28 Oct 2016	31 Jan 2017	10 Feb 2017	17 May 2017	09 Jun 2017	21 Sep 2017
Haematology		ad hoc					
Medical Physics & Clinical Engineering		25 Nov 2016	28 Feb - 01 Mar 2017	17 Mar 2017	27 Jun - 29 Jun 2017	21 Jul 2017	31 Oct – 02 Nov 2017

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