

Expressions of Interest for membership of the Academic Panel

The Administrative Justice Council ("the Council") invites expressions of interest from academics with expertise in administrative justice to join its Academic Panel.

The Administrative Justice Council

The Council is an independent, non-statutory body responsible for overseeing the administrative justice system in the United Kingdom. Chaired by the Senior President of Tribunals, Lord Justice Dingemans, the Council works to improve access to justice and to promote fairness, effectiveness, and efficiency within the system.

In pursuit of these aims, the Council:

- keeps the administrative justice system under review;
- brings together those involved in delivering and shaping administrative justice to exchange information and ideas;
- identifies areas where further research or evidence is needed to better understand issues affecting the administrative justice system;
- undertakes thematic inquiries, ensuring that the experiences of those who use the system inform its work;
- advises government departments and the judiciary on its findings and makes recommendations for improvement; and
- shares learning and examples of good practice across the UK.

Council membership includes judicial office holders, senior civil servants working in administrative justice policy and operations, and public service ombudsmen from across the UK, alongside individuals from legal professional bodies, the advice sector, user advocacy groups, and academia.

The Academic Panel: role description

The Academic Panel brings together leading academics from across the United Kingdom to support the Council's work through the provision of research, evidence and expert insight.

Members of the Panel are expected to:

- support the inquiries undertaken by the Council's thematic Working Groups, including by bringing relevant research and gaps in the evidence base to their attention;
- contribute to shaping the Council's priorities by identifying emerging issues, research developments and trends relevant to administrative justice;
- help quality-assure publications, reports and other outputs produced by the Council, where appropriate;
- contribute to the Council's responses to consultations;
- provide contributions to the Council's newsletter, where requested by the Secretariat (published three times a year);
- attend and contribute to the Academic Panel's quarterly meetings; and
- act as ambassadors for the Council by promoting its work within the academic community and helping to develop links with relevant organisations and stakeholders.

The core commitment is approximately four to six days per year, covering preparation for and attendance at Panel meetings and supporting the work of at least one thematic Working Group. Additional involvement may include supporting workshops or seminars, participating in roundtables or events.

Appointments are for a three-year term and may be renewed once, for a maximum of two terms. This is an unremunerated role.

In return, members have a unique opportunity to influence the development of the administrative justice system and improve the way it serves the public.

Essential criteria

Applicants must be able to demonstrate:

- a track record of high-quality research relevant to one or more of the following areas: administrative justice, public law, tribunals, ombuds, complaints systems, dispute resolution, or related fields;
- a strong understanding of the needs and experiences of users of the administrative justice system;
- the ability to communicate complex ideas clearly and effectively to non-academic audiences;
- experience of working collaboratively with stakeholders from a range of professional backgrounds.

How to apply

To apply, please submit your expression of interest by email to AJC@judiciary.uk, using "Recruitment – AJC Academic Panel EOI" as the subject line.

Expressions of interest should comprise the following documents, both submitted in PDF format:

- a statement of no more than 1,000 words setting out your interest in the role, relevant experience, and how you meet the essential criteria; and
- a current CV.

Applications should be submitted before 09:00 on the 30th of October 2026.

If you would like further information about the role or the work of the Council, please contact Heddwen Daniel, Secretary to the Council, at AJC@judiciary.uk.

Please note: The Panel is seeking up to three new members. Applications are welcomed from academics across the United Kingdom. To strengthen Welsh representation on the Panel, applications are particularly encouraged from academics based in Wales or with expertise relating to the Welsh administrative justice system.