

# ACADEMY of SOCIAL SCIENCES

## Elections to Council 2024

### Background

1. There are **five vacancies** on Council for election this year.
2. The Council is the Academy's governing body.
3. Council members are both trustees and directors, as the Academy is both a registered charity and a limited company.
4. Council members serve a three-year term, which may be renewed for a further term of three years.
5. The Council has two constituencies. These are individual Fellows and member Learned Societies. Each constituency is able to elect seven members of Council. In addition, there is provision for the Council to appoint seven members.
6. This year, two vacancies fall from within the individual Fellows category and three vacancies fall from within the constituency of member Learned Societies.
7. Individual Fellows will therefore have **two** votes each.
8. Member societies will therefore have **three** votes per society.
9. Voting will take place electronically.

### Standing for election – Fellows constituency

Interested Fellows are required to complete the [declaration of candidacy form](#) and return by email to Dr Sarah Jones, Director of Operations, on [s.jones@acss.org.uk](mailto:s.jones@acss.org.uk) by **Friday 17 May 2024**.

### Standing for election – Learned Societies constituency

Declarations of candidacy can be made via the member Learned Society or directly by the candidate, who must be a member of one of our affiliated Learned Societies but need not be a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences.

Interested candidates are required to complete the [declaration of candidacy form](#) and return by email to Dr Sarah Jones, Director of Operations, on [s.jones@acss.org.uk](mailto:s.jones@acss.org.uk) by **Friday 17 May 2024**.

### Further information

Council meets three times each year and members are expected to attend most, if not all, meetings. The generic responsibilities of charity trustees are significant and are set out [here](#). Many Council members also take on additional responsibilities relating to governance. Council members are unremunerated; the Academy meets the travel costs to attend those committee meetings held in-person, usually in central London.

We welcome applications from a wide range of candidates, especially those who will add new dimensions to our Council and complement existing members' expertise. To complement the current trustee board and enable future planning, we are particularly keen at present to increase the expertise on the Council from those Fellows actively engaged in higher education policy, environmental social science, planning, and statistics/methods, from either practitioner or academic perspectives. We are committed to diversity on our Council, and we welcome applications from a wide range of candidates. We are also committed to our EDI values, including geographical diversity.

We seek individuals of standing, with expertise in a field of social science, and a commitment to the purpose of the Academy to 'promote social sciences in the UK for public benefit' which goes beyond a commitment to represent their own discipline.

Any Fellow who is considering standing and would find further discussion helpful, please get in touch with Dr Rita Gardner, CEO ([r.gardner@acss.org.uk](mailto:r.gardner@acss.org.uk)).

### **Timetable of process**

- Wednesday 1 May 2024 – Call for declarations of candidacy
- Friday 17 May 2024 – Closing date for receipt of declarations of candidacy
- Tuesday 28 May 2024 – Voting opens to Fellows and member learned societies
- Tuesday 11 June 2024 – Voting closes
- Wednesday 12 June 2024 – Candidates informed of the outcome
- Wednesday 19 June 2024 – Announcement of results at the Academy AGM