Senior volunteer role

Vice-President, Registration and Standards Committee
2025 – 2028

Making IT good for society
The organisation

BCS is an international organisation run by dedicated volunteers and employees.

BCS is governed by its Trustee Board which is elected by the BCS Council, a representative body of the membership. The Trustee Board is responsible for the Institute’s annual direction and strategy.

Membership
We promote and support the growing and diverse community of IT and digital professionals committed to making IT good for society. Our members are at the heart of our community.

Inspiration
We influence and improve computing education in all its forms to improve opportunities for young people, society and the economy.

Progression
We provide opportunities for learning and development to support people’s career progression and raise standards of competence in our profession.

Influence
We tackle the big issues facing our digital lives, connecting industry, education and government to shape and bring about impactful change on society and our profession.

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The appointment

Vice-President Registration and Standards Committee

BCS admits individuals to membership and awards professional status based on demonstration of knowledge and competence defined by the standards. Professional registration offered by BCS to its members includes: CITP, RITTech, CEng, IEng, FEDIP.

The Registration and Standards Committee is responsible to the Institute’s Trustee Board for maintaining the definition of BCS standards for the CITP and RITTech standard and responsible for reviewing the criteria for membership. Finally, RSC is responsible for ensuring compliance with licensing requirements set by the Engineering Council for the award of CEng and IEng. The Committee oversees the licensing and accreditation activity of BCS related to the award of BCS Standards and ensures awarding bodies comply with criteria for the award.

The Registration and Standards Committee (RSC) is supported by the RSC secretariat.
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The role

Key responsibilities include:

- Set, maintain and regularly review the requirements for inclusion in professional registers maintained and published by BCS including:
  - BCS policies to regulate the entry to the register(s)
  - routes to registration
- Oversee the granting and renewal of all agreements entered into by BCS with other bodies which allow entry to the BCS professional registers ensuring acceptable standards of quality are maintained
- Oversee the criteria for entry to membership of BCS, making recommendations as necessary to Trustee Board to amend or update Trustee Board Regulations — Section II Classes of Membership and Schedule 1 to Trustee Board Regulations — Assessment Scheme including:
  - BCS policies necessary to regulate the membership of individuals of the Institute
- Ensure appropriate mechanisms to mitigate risks to the Institute:
  - as the regulator of BCS standards
  - for admission of individuals to membership of the Institute; and
  - award of professional registration conferred by the Institute
  - against loss of licensee status of Engineering Council
Candidate specification

**Essential**

- Current Fellow and/or chartered member of BCS
- Experience working in a senior role with IT responsibilities in either the private, public, charitable or academic sector
- Understanding the value of membership and certification for individuals at every stage of their careers to verify professional behaviors and competence
- Board level interpersonal skills: the ability to contribute positively and to challenge constructively and to work closely with colleagues both in the board and on ad hoc working groups
- Willingness to commit the time required for preparation, board participation and working group participation

**Desirable**

- International experience and perspective
- Understanding of the rationale for demonstration of current competence for professional registration

**Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate:**

- Strategic thinking
- Exceptional communication skills, with the ability to debate topical issues and draw succinct conclusions to express the views of the majority
- Sound judgement, integrity and high ethical standards
- Financial literacy i.e. able to read and understand financial statements and related business plans, or a willingness to undertake the necessary training
- A thorough understanding of the Institute’s charitable status and aims
Other details

Process and timescales

This role is subject to a shortlisting process each May. Interviews are expected to take place in June/July.

Nominations Committee recommends candidates in September, Council elects candidates in November.

Successful candidates will be required to attend and present to Council in November.

Further information

Confidentiality notice

Any information you provide about yourself will be reviewed by the BCS Nominations Committee / Trustee Board and Council for the purposes of this application process.

Striving for equality and diversity

BCS is committed to improving equality and diversity in the profession. We therefore welcome applications from candidates who are under-represented, such as women, ethnic minority groups, people with disabilities, the LGBTQ+ community and people who are neurodiverse.

Registrar contact details

Please contact our Registrar team for more details: registrar@bcs.uk

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