

Role Description: Director for Science and Education

This role is responsible for providing strategic leadership for the ongoing development of the BANT's Science and Education (S&E) provision. The Science and Education Director provides guidance within the monthly Science and Education Steering Committee (SESG), which drives performance to ensure that BANT achieves its Strategic Objectives as set out in the current 5-year strategy.

The Director works closely with the Science and Education Manager and wider S&E team to devise relevant annual objectives at the beginning of each year. The post holder is responsible for regularly reviewing these with the team to ensure adequate availability of skills and resources for delivery of objectives to the agreed standards.

General BANT Directorship

Being a BANT Director is a very rewarding role. It provides an opportunity for an individual to be part of a team that determines the overall strategic direction of BANT while influencing the direction of nutrition and lifestyle medicine profession.

While contributing their unique knowledge and skills, and insight gained in the field of nutrition and/or the wider healthcare sector, the directorship allows the individual to strengthen their understanding of the role of BANT Nutrition Practitioners. They have an opportunity to engage in development and maintenance of the required standards for registered clinical nutrition practitioners and the future of the nutrition and lifestyle medicine profession, while representing and acting on behalf of the 3,500 + strong BANT memberships.

Key Science & Education Director Responsibilities

- Representing S&E in the BANT Council, ensuring that the provision is supporting the evidence-based foundation of nutritional therapy practice and the continued education of BANT members for safe and effective clinical practice
- Building alliances and liaising with external bodies/stakeholders regarding BANT's S&E provision, to further the standing of the profession and BANT strategic objectives
- Supporting the S&E Manager to manage the delivery of S&E objectives, in particular BANT's flagship scientific provision, the Nutrition Evidence Database (NED)
- Represent BANT's interests on the NED Editorial Board, attending Board meetings and contributing to database strategic decision-making

- Working with the NED Editorial Board, to build networks of support for NED, including partnerships, advertising and sponsorships to ensure the continued improvement and development of the provision
- Increase the awareness of the S&E provision to increase resource usage amongst BANT membership
- Increase the awareness of NED, including growing subscriber numbers and income opportunities within the wider nutrition and healthcare communities
- Working with the S&E Manager and SESG, agree the annual S&E budgets, operational plans and quarterly and annual reporting.

General BANT Directorship Responsibilities

- Attend quarterly Council strategy meetings and relevant topical meetings relating to either BANT strategic direction or Director's area of expertise to further support and inform the direction of BANT workstreams, actively participating in discussions and decision making
- Attend the BANT Annual General Meeting including preparation and presentation of the Annual Report
- Constructively contribute to Council discussions via email and at meetings
- Be willing to take on projects that support delivery of the strategic objectives
- Champion BANT and the nutritional and lifestyle medicine profession

Key Competencies and Behaviours

Essential

- Senior organisational experience, with involvement in strategic planning and decision making
- Proven track record of networking, in support of organisational development and goal attainment
- Experience of fund-raising, through partnership development, sponsorship and advertising, to support NED self-sufficiency
- Experience of leading a team to achieve a successful outcome
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Good planning and organisational skills
- Self-driven, highly motivated and pro-active
- Sound judgment and decision-making skills

- High level of professionalism and self-confidence
- Flexible approach to working with others

Desirable

- Experience of medical database development and management
- Experience of research methods and peer review processes

Availability and Response Time

General: Directors are required to review emails on a regular basis, ideally every couple of days, to cover any urgent matters. From time-to-time Council participation and/or vote will be required for which an immediate response is needed.

Volunteer time: Average 3 hours per week

Project time: Variable depending on the nature of the project and required timescales

Meeting times: Monthly topical/workstream meetings are typically limited to 2 hours/month. In addition, quarterly Council strategy meetings take 1.5-2 hours online or approx. 5 hours once or twice annually, in-person, in London.

Remuneration and Hours: Voluntary role; £150 for CPD per annum; Travel expenses. Any project work is paid based on pre-approved project proposals.