

Guidance for nominating / self-nominating lecturers for the Maurice Ellis Lecture and David Williams Lecture

You can either self-nominate or nominate someone for these lectures between 1 September and 31 July on a rolling annual basis.

During the month of August nominations will be reviewed by the decision-making panel and chosen speakers are invited.

If no suitable nominations are made, then during the month of September the previous process is undertaken – Maurice Ellis Lecturer chosen by Education Resources Committee chair, David Williams Lecture chosen by College Executive Committee.

If the chosen speaker is not able to deliver the lecture at the following conference, then they would need to reapply the following year and their lecture place cannot be automatically rolled onto the following year's conference. They may be considered by the ER Committee chair / College Executive should no suitable nominations be made in the following year.

Members of decision-making panel

- Education Resources Committee Chair
- Research Committee Chair
- Dean
- Honours Committee Chair
- VP Membership
- Director of External Affairs and Engagement
- Administrator: Head of Marketing and Events, or nominated deputy

Maurice Ellis Lecture

The speaker is asked to give their inspiring life story as an EM clinician.

The lecture is named after Mr Maurice Ellis, the first full time Casualty Consultant in England, appointed to the General Infirmary at Leeds in 1952. Maurice Ellis also chaired the first meeting of the Casualty Surgeons Association in 1967.

Application form

[Click here to download a copy of the application form to complete.](#) Bullet point answers are encouraged to maximise information within the wordcount. No additional attachments or information will be accepted or considered by the panel.

Application form question	Marks and criteria decision-making panel would score against
Are you / your nominated person able to present in-person during RCEM's next flagship conference?	Yes – essential, application would not be eligible if this criteria is not met
Describe your / your nominated person's journey into emergency medicine. What inspired you / them to pursue this field, and how has your / their career evolved over time? Maximum 300 words	1 – Minimal detail or vague description, no clear links to emergency medicine 2 – General account lacking significant details 3 – Describes basic career journey, some motivation and career progression explained 4 – Detailed account with clear motivation and growth in their career 5 – Compelling and insightful journey into emergency medicine demonstrating passion, strong motivation and how experiences have shaped their career
Share an inspiring story from your / your nominated person's career that demonstrates your resilience, determination, or ability to overcome challenges in emergency medicine. How did this experience shape you / them as a clinician and leader? Maximum 300 words	1 – Unclear example, does not demonstrate resilience, overcoming challenges or impact on clinical or leadership development 2 – Provides a story but challenges or resilience, and impact are not well-explained or addressed 3 – A relevant story that touches on challenges and resilience but lacks clear impact on practice or leadership 4 – Well-explained story demonstrating resilience or overcoming challenges with good reflections on influence as clinician or leader 5 – Powerful story showcasing resilience or determination, impact of experience on practice and leadership is clearly explained
What significant contributions have you / your nominated person made to the field of emergency medicine, whether in clinical practice, education, research, or advocacy? Please describe how these contributions have impacted others.	1 – Vague examples, fails to demonstrate impact 2 – Contributions mentioned but lack specificity or clear evidence on impact

Maximum 300 words	<p>3 – Describes contributions but limited evidence of broader impact or specific examples</p> <p>4 – Detailed description of contributions with clear evidence of positive impact on others in field</p> <p>5 – Significant contributions explained with specific examples and a lasting impact on others in the field</p>
<p>What key message would you / your nominated person share in your / their lecture, and how do you / they plan to inspire and engage a diverse audience of emergency medicine professionals?</p> <p>Maximum 300 words</p>	<p>1 – Does not identify clear message or how to engage the audience effectively</p> <p>2 – Outlines general message but lacks detail or focus on audience engagement</p> <p>3 – Clear message, little evidence of considering diverse audience</p> <p>4 – Identifies inspiring message and provides plan for engaging a diverse audience</p> <p>5 – Clearly identifies inspiring, impactful message with a well-thought-out plan for how these will engage a diverse audience. Shows insight into how the lecture will inspire and resonate with different groups.</p>

David Williams Lecture

The speaker is asked to give their personal story of their academic journey.

The lecture is named after Dr David Williams who was the first President of the Intercollegiate Faculty of Accident and Emergency Medicine, inaugurated in 1993.

Application form

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Question on application form	Marks and criteria nomination panel would score against
<p>Can you briefly describe your / your nominated person's academic journey in emergency medicine, including key milestones?</p> <p>Maximum 300 words</p>	<p>1 – Minimal detail or vague description, no clear links to emergency medicine</p> <p>2 – General account lacking significant details</p> <p>3 – Describes basic milestones, some links to emergency medicine</p> <p>4 – Clear description with links to emergency medicine</p> <p>5 – Detailed, reflective account of academic journey with obvious links to emergency medicine</p>
<p>What are your / your nominated person's most significant academic achievements, and how have they contributed to emergency medicine?</p>	<p>1 – Few achievements, fails to demonstrate impact on emergency medicine</p>

<p>Maximum 300 words</p>	<p>2 – Mentions achievements with no clear link or impact on emergency medicine 3 – Some relevant achievements outlined 4 – Clearly links academic achievements to emergency medicine 5 – Multiple examples with direct links to how they have contributed to emergency medicine</p>
<p>How has your / your nominated person's work in emergency medicine influenced others, whether through research, mentorship, or clinical practice? Maximum 300 words</p>	<p>1 – Vague examples, fails to demonstrate influence on others 2 – Mentions influence with no specific examples or demonstrable impact 3 – Mentions influence but with minimal examples 4 – Describes influence on others with some examples, impact not fully explored 5 – Strong examples of how their work has influenced others and explains a lasting impact on individuals and/or emergency medicine</p>
<p>What key themes or lessons from you / your nominated person's personal journey would you like to highlight in the lecture, and how do you plan to make the lecture relevant to a diverse audience? Maximum 300 words</p>	<p>1 – Does not identify clear themes or how to engage the audience effectively 2 – Lists general themes but lacks detail or focus on audience engagement 3 – Mentions a few themes, little evidence of considering diverse audience 4 – Identifies themes from their journey and provides plan for engaging a diverse audience 5 – Clearly identifies key themes from their journey with a well-thought-out plan for how these will engage a diverse audience. Shows insight into how the lecture will inspire and resonate with different groups.</p>