

RICS Professional Group Panel Member - Standard Role Description

Background

RICS is looking for engaged and passionate Members to serve on the Professional Group Panels (PGPs). Your energy will help shape the RICS strategy and plans for the relevant Professional Groups. The Professional Group Panels were formed following the recommendations in the Bichard RICS Review report published in June 2022.

[The Bichard RICS Review](#)

A consultation with Members led to Governing Council approving six PGPs being established in fall of 2023:

- Building Surveying and Building Control
- Commercial Property
- Construction
- Land and Natural Resources
- Residential Property
- Valuation

Each Professional Group Panel is comprised of 10 – 14 members from the relevant professional groups.

The purpose of Professional Group Panel is to maintain and develop the knowledge and practice of surveying for the public advantage through:

- 1) RICS influence in the sector through research and thought leadership.
- 2) Contribute to the RICS strategy on sustainability by providing market feedback, input, and ideas to plans.
- 3) Development of relevant technical standards, guidance and best practice for Members and Firms.
- 4) Defining future skills and delivery of knowledge and CPD outputs for the sector.
- 5) Contribution to the competences required for relevant APC pathways and inspiring the next generation.

Please note that the PGPs operate in a wider environment of other Member groups and staff teams. PGPs do not have full management and responsibility of all activities as defined in the purpose.

The key parts of the role are to:

- Contribute actively to the work of the PGPs.
- Participate fully in meetings of the PGPs and providing the appropriate level of objectiveness and constructive challenge when needed.
- Understand the strategic issues, trends, and market challenges.
- Promote the work of the PGP externally to networks through social media, meetings, and events.

Person Specification

Part One: Knowledge and Experience

- Experience of work on committees, panels or working groups.
- Knowledge of future challenges facing the profession e.g. sustainability, diversity, data and technology.
- Understanding of issues around public policy that are facing the sector.
- Commitment to CPD, best practice and life-long learning.
- Passionate to inspire the next generation into Membership of RICS.
- Awareness of self-regulation and the importance maintaining independence.
- Understanding of the usefulness of the profession for the public advantage.

Part Two: Skills and abilities

- Ability to work collaboratively with other panel members, staff and relevant committees and groups within RICS.
- A strong communicator and contributor to meetings and groups and an ability to articulate points of view clearly.
- Influence through social media or local and business networks.
- Ability to take a strategic, longer-term view of planning and oversight without getting drawn into operational detail.

Part Three: Personal Style and Attributes

- High level of integrity and ethics.
- Fair with maturity of judgement.
- Resilient, engaging, with open/transparent manner.
- Committed and willing to accept responsibility of the role.
- Passion for working with RICS and helping to advance professional standards.

Accountability

The PGP Member is a non-executive position appointed from within the RICS membership. The Member will report to the Chair of the relevant Professional Group Panel.

Time Commitment

A commitment of approximately 5 days per year (excluding travel) is expected from a PGP Member to perform their duties that will include but is not limited to:

- Attending at least 4 PGP meetings a year to be held remotely or in person at the RICS offices in London or Birmingham.
- Attending (as invited) other meetings to be held remotely or in person at the RICS offices in London or Birmingham.
- Liaising with external stakeholders.
- Promotion of work of PGP through social media.
- Attendance at Member events to promote the work of the PGP.

Term of Appointment

2-3 years with a six year cap. To be confirmed with successful applicants. Terms are staggered to avoid everyone finishing at the same time.

Expenses

All reasonable expenses incurred for attending in person meetings will be reimbursed in line with RICS expenses policy.