Wessex Academic Foundation Programmes

Frequently Asked Questions about our local application process and training programmes

- There are 13 x AFP programmes available in Wessex. Each programme contains a 4-month research post within the F2 training year.
  - Note: on Oriel you will see 26 but 13 of these will show as having “0” places available because they are duplicates of the other 13 programmes and cannot be deleted off the Oriel system. You do not need to rank the programmes that have “0” places available. You only need to rank the 13 programmes that have places available. (If you have already ranked the other programmes it doesn’t matter and it won’t affect your application).
  - On Oriel none of the 13 programmes give any detail of what the research jobs are. (This is deliberate)

- The details of the AFP 4-month research post are available offline, and the opportunity to rank these takes place at a later point, offline.
  - Applicants are only required to rank the 13 x programmes on Oriel according to preference for the clinical rotation. The clinical rotations are fixed and it is not possible to change any part of this.

- Applicants who are shortlisted for interview will be asked to complete a preference form (offline) ranking the AFP placements in order of preference. Applicants will be allocated to an AFP post and their clinical rotation according to their interview score and preference.

- Shortlisting scoring process
  - 0-4 points are awarded for additional degrees and qualifications
  - Up to 8 points are available for publications: (2 points if published with PMed ID (Max 6 Points available) and 1 point for a piece that has been submitted but unpublished (Max 2 Points available).
  - 5 x white space questions are scored and 0-10 points are available for each question
  - Total score is the sum of scores awarded for the above + decile score

- Interview process
  - Each applicant is interviewed by 2 x academic stations and 1 x clinical & communication skills station.
  - Applicants are ranked by their total academic score (sum of scores awarded at each academic station + decile).