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.

  - On the Oriel system the 13 programmes don’t provide any detail of what the research jobs are. (This is deliberate). They are advertised as generic academic placements.

❖ 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(2 points if published with PMed ID (Max 6 Points available) and 1 point for a piece that has been submitted but unpublished (Max 2 Points available).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. Two panel members sit on each interview station.
  - Applicants are ranked by their total academic score (sum of scores awarded at each academic station + decile).