

# Introduction to recruitment

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The [Food Standards Agency](#) (FSA) is an independent, non-ministerial department, established in 2000. Our job, set out in law, is to safeguard public health and protect the interests of consumers in relation to food. We work closely with the UK Government and the governments in Wales and Northern Ireland, but we act independently and transparently, led by science and evidence. Our fundamental mission is food you can trust. By food you can trust, we mean a food system in which food is safe, food is what it says it is and food is healthier and more sustainable.

Our independent [Science Advisory Committees](#) (SAC), [Joint Expert Groups](#) (JEG) and [Science Council](#) are essential to the work of the FSA. They play a huge part in helping us to prioritise our work and ensure our advice to consumers is evidence-based and accurate.

In this recruitment campaign, we are encouraging applications from all backgrounds across a wide range of expertise to fill the following positions across all our committees: 2 chairs, 29 full and associate members, and 1 lay member. You can find out more about each of our committees below.

- [Science Council](#)

- [Advisory Committee for Social Science \(ACSS\)](#)
- [The Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment \(COT\)](#)
- [Joint Expert Group on Additives, Enzymes and other Regulated Products \(AEJEG\)](#)
- [Food Contact Material Joint Expert Group \(FCMJEG\)](#)
- [Advisory Committee on the Microbiological Safety of Food \(ACMSF\)](#)
- [Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes \(ACNFP\)](#)
- [Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs \(ACAF\)](#)

To find out more about the positions we are filling and the application process, please see the panel on the left-hand side of this page.

The FSA SAC Recruitment Team would like to invite applicants to a virtual session on Tuesday 10th September at 14:00 (BST) with FSA Colleagues who work across our SAC. We welcome questions about any part of the recruitment process including the application form, interviews, appointment process or any queries you may have about our committees. To register for the virtual Q&A session, please use our online [form](#).

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