

Specialised Foundation Programmes (SFP) 2023

White Space Question set for SFP 2023

IMPORTANT: Please note that not every Specialised Programme Unit of Application (SUoA) uses white space questions, and applicants are advised to check the specific SUoA website. If the particular SUoA(s) you have selected does/do not require white space questions, you will need to put 'n/a' in the boxes in order to submit your application in Oriel. Please refer to guidance available on the [UKFPO website](#) for further details.

These questions are provided as a record of the questions you will find in the SFP application form on Oriel. All applications must be completed in Oriel during the published time window. The word count limit is 200 for each question.

Career Goals (mandatory for all)

1. What are your specific reasons for applying for a special experience programme? Please highlight how the programme will contribute to your clinical or research career plans and briefly outline these.

Achievements/Experience (mandatory for all)

1. What is your single best clinical or research achievement (paper/presentation/or prize) and why?
2. Give one example of a non-academic achievement and its significance to your application for a special experience programme.

Programme Interests (mandatory for all)

Some foundation schools can offer separate academic programmes focused on research, medical education, and teaching, and/or leadership and management.

Please indicate your preference which programmes you would wish to be considered for.

Research	Yes/No
Education and Teaching	Yes/No
Leadership and Management	Yes/No

Please explain your rationale for your choice of programmes (free text box).

Research (to be made available if applicant answers 'yes' to research above)

1. Please outline your previous research experience and achievements.

Education and Teaching (to be made available if applicant answers 'yes' to education above)

1. Please describe your previous relevant teaching experience and achievements as a teacher, within and outside medicine.
2. Please describe your experience in simulation training and the value of development of simulation training for doctors.

Leadership (to be made available if applicant answers 'yes' to leadership above)

1. Give one example in which you have demonstrated your leadership abilities. The example should be from your undergraduate experience (or postgraduate experience if relevant) and should identify your specific role and contribution as a leader and its relevance to academic activities.

Team Working (mandatory for all)

Academic medicine requires an individual to work successfully in a team. Describe a time that is relevant to your foundation training when you have worked as a successful member of a team and identify your role and contribution to this success. Explain the significance of this experience to your application.

General (mandatory for all)

1. What steps would you take to optimise the benefit of a special experience foundation post from the start of your training? What challenges do you foresee with working both clinically and academically?
2. Understanding the nature of dark matter is an example of an unanswered high priority challenge in astrophysics. Please give an example of an unanswered high priority challenge in medicine and explain the reasons for your choice.