

**Virginia Chapter Ambassador Program, November 2025**

**Introduction**

The Virginia Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (VCACC) and the British Cardiovascular Society (BCS) are a part of the American College of Cardiology’s International Exchange program. The BCS-VCACC relationship was formed through a desire of both organisations to develop long-term relationships between cardiovascular professionals in the United States and the United Kingdom. The partnership brings members from both nations together to learn about advances in CV science and exchange ideas on quality programming and health systems. Both societies aim to develop a portfolio to include educational programs, leadership courses, preceptorships, visiting lectures, etc. on both sides of the Atlantic.

The program was previously run in 2022.

**Fellowship details**

This program will support four current resident doctors or early career cardiologists from the UK (out of training for less than seven years) who will visit, learn, and experience the American healthcare landscape, an imaging rotation (MRI, CT and Echo), and our CV community.

It is our aim in supporting the Ambassadors that we further strengthen our educational exchange in the greater cardiology community and forge even stronger bonds of friendship within the newest generation of cardiologists.

**Schedule**

November 8 Depart UK Arrive in Washington, Dulles Airport

November 9 Sightseeing/social event

November 10 Rotation in Imaging at University of Virginia

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November 12 Travel to Washington, DC (most likely via train)

November 13 Hospital tour (pm)

November 14 Sightseeing/social event

November 15 Opening Cocktail Reception for MACCS, Heart House, 5:30-7:00pm

November 16 Mid-Atlantic Capitol Cardiology Symposium (MACCS), 8:00am-3:00pm

November 16/17 Depart Washington, Dulles Airport

**Selection criteria**

Applications will be accepted from senior cardiology resident doctors or early career cardiologists (see above) who are sub-specialising in cardiac imaging and are fully paid-up ordinary members or joint members of the BCS. The applications will be judged by the senior leadership of the BCS, and four successful candidates will be selected.

**Application deadline**

Midnight onMonday 1 September 2025

Successful applicants will be announced in the week commencing Monday 15 September 2025

**Application Form**

**Please note that applicants must be a fully paid-up ordinary or joint member of the British Cardiovascular Society.**

Obtaining the relevant visas/travel permits for entry into the US can take time and should be considered in advance before applying. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make all necessary travel arrangements and insurance cover for US entry and return to UK.

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| Applicant Name/title |  |
| Current post & hospital |  |
| Year of Training |  |
| E-mail Address: |  |
| Mobile Number: |  |
| BCS Membership number: |  |

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| 1. Describe your current skills, experience, and competencies relevant to the programme (max 300 words)
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| 1. Describe your specific learning needs and objectives from this programme (max 300 words)
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| 1. Describe how you plan to consolidate and implement the knowledge gained for your patients (max 300 words)
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| 1. Please provide any further information to support your application (max 300 words)
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Please save your completed application **as a single PDF document** and send to executivepa@bcs.com no later than midnight on Monday 1 September 2025.

🞏 *I confirm that all of the details above are correct and that I have organisational approval for study leave for the period covered by the Centennial Ambassador Program.*

🞏 *Should I be awarded a place on the Centennial Ambassador Program, I will send a final written report to BCS head office not later than one month after the return date. This will be a maximum of 600 words outlining the benefits of the Centennial Ambassador Program to your training and future cardiology career.*

🞏 *I agree that BCS may process my personal data in the course of the evaluation of my application and consent to publishing my name as participant of the Centennial Ambassador Program, either electronically or in print format.*

*In processing this Application, BCS shall observe and comply with all applicable current and future data privacy and security laws, including without limitation the General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”). BCS further represents and warrants that: (i) any personal data processed will only be processed for the review of this Application; (ii) BCS will maintain effective information security measures to protect personal data from unauthorized disclosure or use; (iii) BCS will delete or return all personal data at the applicant’s request and upon termination of the Agreement; and (iv) if the consultants, employees or agents of BCS have access to the personal data under the terms of this Application, BCS will ensure such persons with access to the personal data will keep it confidential.*

**Authorisation**

Applicant name:

Signature:

Date:

**Organisation approval**

Name (Clinical Director of employer):

Signature:

Date:

Organisational name:

**Further Information:**

**Flights**

Please plan to fly all the way to Washington, Dulles airport on the inbound flight and outbound will be from Washington, Dulles airport.

The travel time to Dulles airport is one hour and the suggested time to arrive for international flights is three hours prior to departure.

**Lodging**

Lodging in Charlottesville will be at a private residence; in Washington, DC lodging will be at the Westin Georgetown.

**Local travel**

VCACC members will arrange, where needed, to have car pick-ups from lodging to hospitals.

**Reimbursement**

Flights in coach/economy and related travel costs (parking, train) will be reimbursed by VCACC.

VCACC will make the hotel arrangements in Washington, DC at the headquarters hotel, room and tax will be put on the master account for the nights of November 13-15.

VCACC will also register members for the MACCS conference.

Meals and incidentals are not included, however, VCACC members will be arranging to host BCS members for many meals.