

Imperial College Union

UKFPO REFORM

Proposed by the ICSMSU President. Seconded by the President

Background

On the 9th January, our final year medical students received their job allocation for August this year. In the wake of MTAS and MDAP, the new United Kingdom Foundation Programme Office (UKFPO) process was a comparative success with over 92% of UK applicants getting their first choice of Foundation School. For Imperial however, it was a different story with only 60% of students being allocated to their first choice foundation school. Reasons for this include

1. 2:1 applicants to posts for North West Thames Foundation School (NWTFS)
2. A local academic ranking system that is used to compare students nationally
3. An application form that we believe doesn't bring out the best candidates

The overriding issue is that across the country students can apply to work in the area they studied in with a high chance of success. Because Imperial students study in the country's most sought after Foundation School, they do not have this luxury.

Imperial College Union Resolves

1. To adopt the text below as policy replacing "Conference Believes" with "Imperial College Union Notes", "Conference Further Believes" with "Imperial College Union Believes" and "Conference Resolves" to "Union Resolves".
2. To submit the following text as an addition to Annual Conference Motion 514

Conference Believes

1. *That the UKFPO applications system used for allocating training places in teaching hospitals is a national applications system that relies on local ranking information provided by medical schools.*
2. *That the current system does not take in to account students natural preference for continuing their medical training where they have studied.*
3. *There is currently no requirement for the NUS representative to the BMA to have any relevant experience of issues affecting medical students.*

Conference Further Believes

1. *That the current UKFPO applications system is not logical. Using locally established quartiles as part of a national applications scheme inevitably leads to inequality nationally*
2. *That representation of medical students is best done by a medical student as they will have experienced the issues first hand.*

Conference Resolves

1. *To lobby the United Kingdom Foundation Programme Office (UKFPO) to allow medical students to apply for their F1 training positions using a structured CV in the upcoming review of the applications process in April.*
2. *To require the NEC/Senate to elect a current medical student to act as the link between the NUS and BMA.*
3. *To lobby the Department of Health and the UKFPO to give credit in the F1 application process to those students that wish to continue in Medicine where they have studied at Medical School*