

The British Dietetic Association volunteer position – Student member

Role

Student member, for the Renal Nutrition Specialist Group (RNG)

Aims/Objectives of the Group

- To support and develop high quality evidence based dietetic practice for renal nutrition in the UK.
- To provide up to date evidence based information on dietary treatment of renal conditions to dietitians, other health professionals and the media/public.
- To encourage and enable continued professional development (CPD) within our membership.
- To promote the renal dietitian's role working within the renal multidisciplinary team particularly with regards to the advanced role of supplementary prescribing.
- To update the national workforce development document working closely with our British Renal Society (BRS) colleagues.
- To explore and guide our membership on the use of new technologies by looking and developing guidelines on current mobile apps available and work with the BDA to develop online resources.
- To continue joint working with appropriate bodies including the BRS, Renal Association (RA) and Kidney Care UK in developing and updating resources for patients, the public and health care professionals
- To continue joint working with appropriate professional bodies, including the RA, BRS, and British Dietetic Association to develop national guidelines, and CPD sessions for our members and members of the multi-professional team.

What this post has to offer

By becoming involved with the RNG BDA Specialist Group you will have the opportunity to pursue your dietetic interests and gain practical experience. This role is a great CPD opportunity for a student wishing to develop extra skills and experience, represent their fellow students and provide a dietetic student perspective. Through this position you will gain organisation, communication, writing and project management skills, which can translate directly into career development. It will also give you an opportunity to work with colleagues across the speciality, sharing knowledge and skills.

Main tasks/responsibilities

- Represents the views and perspectives of BDA student members.
- An opportunity to learn from other more experienced committee RNG members and lead on specific projects as required.
- To undertake any duties which support other members of the committee and the membership.
- To undertake specific duties as agreed with the committee e.g. support research activities, sub groups or work on specific projects and tasks.
- To support the role of the Social media officer as well as other committee members as required

Level of commitment

Committee meetings are held up to 2 times a year, plus a varying and flexible amount of work in between times. The RNG aims to hold 2 events for members, one will include the Annual General Meeting. A Student member is elected to the role for a two year term of office and should serve no more than two consecutive terms of office. However you can give reasonable notice to end your

volunteering if you are no longer able to fulfil your role.

Main times of volunteering

Committee meetings are usually held in the evening and can be arranged by video conferences.

Group events usually take place during weekdays.

Training and support offered

- The BDA has a designated member of staff supporting Groups and Branches in the delivery of their work. Individualised support can be offered to suit the member.
- Group Handbook, toolkit, templates and resources.
- Individual induction, handover and training at convenient location and time for you.
- Participation at the Groups and Branches networking day (held once a year).