

UK Foundation Programme (UKFP) 2021

Psychiatry Foundation Fellowships (PFF)

Introduction

In 2018 the Royal College of Psychiatrists launched the Foundation Fellowship scheme. This paper seeks to provide guidance about the recruitment and selection process for Psychiatry Foundation Fellowship (PFF) Programmes for UKFP 2021.

Background

The programme aims to improve exposure to the specialty and ensure that foundation doctors are supported in their interest in psychiatry throughout the programme, maintaining and enhancing their enthusiasm for the specialty. This is especially important for those who may have limited opportunity to explore their interest via a clinical placement. The aim of the scheme is to identify medical students who have expressed an interest in psychiatry as a potential career choice and to support them through to application for specialty training. As well as having access to educational opportunities relevant to psychiatry e.g. funded attendance at relevant conferences, on-line learning and psychiatry journals, trainees will also access psychiatric supervision and be able to attend reflective Balint groups. The aim is to introduce a strong emphasis on the psychological aspects of medicine throughout foundation training to enhance the educational opportunities afforded in non-psychiatric rotations for those keen to develop expertise in this area. Fellows may also choose to be linked to College faculties to provide additional mentoring in a potential subspecialty (e.g. child and adolescent, perinatal etc). Psychiatry supervisors will deliver psychiatric supervision which will run on a longitudinal basis throughout the two-year programme.

Eligibility

Applicants to the two-year foundation programme with a keen interest in psychiatry are encouraged to submit a separate application to the Royal College of Psychiatrists for PFF.

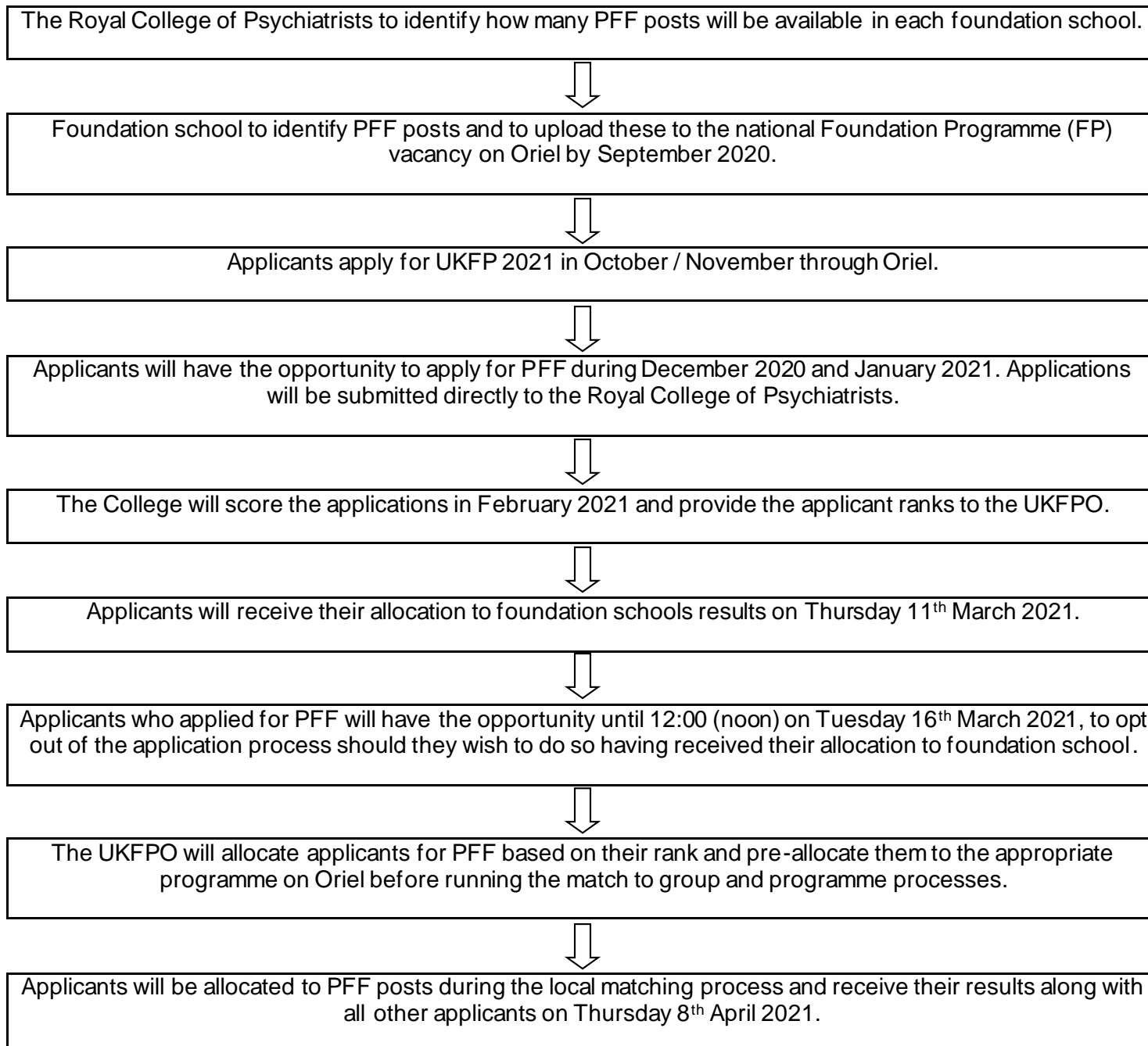
Applicants are expected to hold provisional registration with the General Medical Council (GMC).

Timeline

Date(s)	Recruitment Activity
Thursday 30 th July 2020	Royal College to identify the foundation school locations of PFF posts across the UK
Thursday 24 th September 2020	Posts advertised
December 2020 – January 2021	Application window
February 2021	Review of applications by the Royal College
Thursday 11 th March 2021	National allocation to foundation schools
Tuesday 16 th March 2021 at 12:00 (noon)	Deadline for applicants to opt out of PFF selection process
By Thursday 18 th March 2021	Applicants pre-allocated to PFF posts within the foundation school they have been allocated to
Monday 22 nd March 2021	Group match results released (where applicable)
Thursday 8 th April 2021	Match to programme results released
July / August 2021	Posts commence

Recruitment Process

The recruitment process will be managed by the Royal College of Psychiatrists, which will notify the UKFPO of appointable applicants and their rank. The UKFPO will pre-allocate applicants to programmes accordingly prior to the release of match to programme results for all applicants.



Other Useful Information

Applicants will not be expected to attend an interview as part of the PFF selection process.