

Introduction

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) has represented the surgical and dental workforce for over 500 years. In that time we have become a modern, thriving global network with some 27,000 fellows, members and affiliates based in over 100 countries worldwide. Around 11,000 of our members, making up 40%, are based outside of the UK. We put our members at the heart of our decisions and activities. We are a global College, dedicated to providing opportunities, support and resources to our international membership.

We have a wide range of international activities, events, courses and examinations developing international opportunities for our fellows, members and affiliates. Our International Surgical Advisers and Dental Ambassador networks also provide locally focused support. We are the friendly college, providing fellows, members and affiliates with a warm welcome and a 'home from home' wherever we operate globally.

We are the oldest surgical College in existence having been founded in 1505, with a breadth of experience to match. We pride ourselves on being innovative, flexible and adaptable, supporting developments at the forefront of the surgical profession.

RCSEd International Strategy

Our Vision	The best possible outcomes for patients worldwide			
Our Mission	To deliver, promote and influence excellence and advancement in surgical practice and healthcare through leadership, innovation and standards in education, training, examinations and continuing professional development			
Our International Strategic Priorities	Global presence, engagement and delivery	An outstanding membership experience, regardless of location	Deliver, support and promote the highest standards of education and assessment internationally	Lead and influence the global surgical community
Our Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a "hub and spoke" model in the regions where we operate to enhance our offering and service delivery to members Develop and promote our international fellowships and opportunities through the International Postgraduate Deanery and other appropriate routes Review and enhance our internal decision-making structure to deliver the Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrich our direct communication and engagement with current and prospective members Provide additional opportunities for our international members to have their voice heard and use this to enhance our offering Offer new, locally-relevant services to our membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strive continually for the highest standards of examinations Contribute to enhancing international education, assessment and training programmes through the delivery of audit and accreditation activity Enhance the professional standing of our members and the wider surgical workforce by providing excellent training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the reach of the Global Surgery Foundation Provide peer networking opportunities Work with local stakeholders to understand local needs and develop partnerships
Our Supporting Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity will be impactful, strategically aligned and financially sustainable Staff and RCSEd representatives' safety will be prioritised throughout our international activity Our work will be evidenced and needs-based and will aim to meet local demand Our activity will be accountable to the College and relevant to local and international stakeholders Our work will have a positive impact and be delivered in collaboration with local partners 			