

CAS Education & Community Advisory Board Terms of Reference

Responsible Body	BCS Academy Board
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Purpose

To provide advice to the BCS Leadership Team on needs of the CAS community in the context of the broader education, technology and research landscape.

Objectives

- advise on the development of CAS programmes, including through offering insights;
- act as an advocate for CAS;
- create links between CAS and the communities within schools colleges and universities and the wider sector for whom our work has particular relevance.

Membership

Members are senior stakeholders who are advocates for CAS in the wider community;
Well-connected and spot opportunities and challenges;
Passionate about every young person thriving in the digital world;
Well informed and able to bring genuine insight to the group having recent experience of computing education including schools, colleges and universities.

Composition

The chosen Chair shall be based on nominations by the Advisory Board, subject to ratification by the BCS Academy Board. The Chair is expected to serve a 1 x 2 year term, with the possibility of a second 2 year term.

The Advisory Board will be made up of no more than 15 members of the community and should include:

- 25% active educators
- 25% active industry employees
- 20% hold school leadership positions
- 20% active academics
- 10% students

Membership terms will be staggered (either 1, 2 or 3 years) to facilitate effective succession planning. Vacancies will be advertised amongst the community.

The Advisory Board will meet 3 times a year with one meeting being face to face.

The Advisory Board will appoint a representative to the BCS Academy Board.

Equality & Diversity

We are committed to a policy of equality and to valuing diversity. We are actively working to improve diversity across all our governance structures so that they reflect the societies in which we work, and particularly welcome applications from underrepresented groups.

Approval & Review

These Terms of reference will be approved by the Advisory Board and ratified by the BCS Academy Board annually.