

2024 Nominee for Nominations Committee Member

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The nomination committee's responsibility is to assemble the best slate of candidates for Council and Nominations Committee vacancies. This includes verifying prior participation in ICIS activities and assessing how well each candidate aligns with the organization's mission and objectives. Please describe reasons why you feel you are well qualified to serve as a member of the Nominations Committee, including how your background and network has given you a diverse perspective.

I have been a member of ICIS since 2017 and am very much aware of the excellent array of awards offered, actively nominating deserving individuals yearly. I have served on numerous promotions and nominations committees at the University of Manchester in my role as Head of Division for Immunology, Immunity to Infection, and Respiratory Medicine, so have extensive experience in such roles, including ensuring diversity and inclusivity is at the forefront of decision making.

Please list your current and/or past participation in ICIS committees. Include committee membership, positions of leadership, speaking invitations, etc.

I have not been a member of any ICIS committees to date, and would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the running of the society. I have attended all bar one ICIS annual meeting since 2018, and had abstract talks at two of these previous meetings.

List any other relevant qualifications for office, including any non-ICIS volunteer or other leadership activities. (Not a CV.)

I have been Head of Division for Immunology, Immunity to Infection, and Respiratory Medicine at the University of Manchester since June 2020, line managing more than 40 PIs, which involves presenting promotion cases at nomination committees annually. I am also an elected council member of the Society of Mucosal Immunology, and the elected Groups Secretary for the British Society of Immunology. As the latter, I organised an ICISsponsored session at BSI Congress 2023 on TGF-beta in immunity.