

## **PRESIDENT**

### ***The Position***

The position of President is established under the Academy Bye-Laws and is responsible for the overall leadership of the Academy and through the Council and with the assistance of the Chief Executive sets the global objectives and strategic direction of the Academy.

The President is the public face of the Academy, and its primary spokesperson to the media and at major public engagements.

The term of the President is four years.

### ***Skills and Experience***

- A scientist, with experience in STEM sector policy, the domestic political environment and international science diplomacy
- An understanding of the principles and practices of effective corporate governance including strategic planning, financial and risk management and legislative compliance
- Be open and engaging, with experience in building and maintaining strong stakeholder relationships
- Be an experienced public speaker with good listening skills
- A strong commitment to diversity in STEM
- An aptitude for and willingness to undertake fundraising activities on behalf of the Academy

### ***Accountability***

The President:

- is accountable to the Fellowship and with the assistance of Council is responsible for ensuring that the Academy's mission and objectives are met. The President is assisted by the Academy Secretariat. The Chief Executive is accountable and reports to the President
- must comply with the responsibilities and fiduciary duties required of a 'Responsible Person' under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012*
- must Chair all governance meetings, the annual meeting to determine the candidates to recommend to the Fellowship for election, the Annual General Meeting and attend all meetings of Committees of Council for which they are appointed as a member, as determined from time-to-time
- is expected to attend and host significant Academy events and meetings
- must be approachable and impartial in dealings with Officers, Fellows and others and in the best interests of the Academy

### ***Duties and responsibilities***

In accordance with the Academy's objectives, approved strategy and policies and procedures, the President:

- communicates and implements the Academy's vision, mission and strategic direction to Academy Fellows, staff and other relevant stakeholders
- acts as the Academy's diversity spokesperson
- ensures that communication with Fellows, the media, Academy stakeholders and the public is accurate and effective

- Chairs and oversees all Council meetings, and is responsible for setting the meeting agenda, ensuring information provided is relevant, accurate and timely, to keep Council appropriately informed of the performance, finances, affairs, opportunities and challenges of the organisation, and of any developments that may have a material impact on it
- conducts meetings effectively and efficiently, ensuring all Council understands what is expected of them, facilitating open and constructive communication to encourage all members to contribute to Council deliberations
- ensures all Council decisions are consistent with the Academy's purpose and values and are in the best interests of the organisation
- oversees and facilitates Council and Chief Executive appointments, evaluation reviews and succession planning
- personally, contacts each newly elected Fellow and Corresponding Member to advise them of their election and inviting them to accept the Fellowship
- acts as the Academy representative or nominates the Foreign Secretary as an approved delegate on the InterAcademy Partnership – Science Executive Committee and the Executive Board of the InterAcademy Partnership – Research
- sits on the Prime Minister's Science Prizes Committee as alternate deputy co-Chair with the President of ATSE
- sits on the board of the Australian Council of Learned Academies (ACOLA), presiding as Chair as required, rotating with the Presidents of the other Learned Academies.
- is visible in times of crisis, where trust and confidence in Council's ability to respond is important.