**England Country Board**

**Student Representative Job Description**

The British Dietetic Association (BDA) is the only body in the UK representing the whole of the dietetic workforce. We are a trade union and professional body representing the professional, educational, public and workplace interests of our members. Founded in 1936, we are one of the oldest and most experienced dietetic organisations in the world.

The England Board supports the British Dietetic Association members based within England. The board consists of one Chair and board members, including one or two Student Representatives.

The Student Representative will be a full voting member of the England Board, taking a full and active role in Board discussions and decision making. They will represent the student membership and help guide the Board on decision making particularly in relation to the membership category.

It is also intended that the role of the Student Representative on the England Board is a developmental one and may assist the individual with career development and progression through the experience gained.

## **Role Description:**

* Represents the student membership at the England Board, providing a perspective on the role, the issues affecting members and contributes to discussions which could affect and benefit the student membership.
* Together with the rest of the England Board provides leadership to the profession, helping to ensure that the BDA supports and develops a growing and innovative healthcare profession.
* Represents the England Board to the student membership externally at meetings or events.
* Attend the England Board meetings in person where required and via teams when they are based remotely. There are usually four meetings per year with usually two of them being in-person.

**Time Commitment:**

There are normally four meetings per year with usually two being in person and based in a central location, the others will be held via teams. The student representative will also be required spend some time on ad hoc matters such as emails, working groups and reading papers.

**Term of Office:**

The England Board Student Representative is recruited for a period of 3 years with the opportunity to serve a maximum of two terms of office (upon application and re-appointment by the Board of Directors). Or until the term of study comes to an end.

**Induction:**

Induction, training and mentoring will be provided where required.

**Remuneration**

Please note this a voluntary role, however travel expenses for in-person meetings will be reimbursed.

**How to Apply:**

For an informal discussion on the role please contact Paul McArdle England Board Chair on paul.mcardle@nhs.net

To apply, send your CV and a letter of application (no more than 2 sides of A4 each), explaining why you believe you would be perfect for this role and what skills you would bring to the England Country Board.

CVs and covering letters to be sent by email to:

Rebecca Bury-Everson – r.bury-everson@bda.uk.com

The closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday 1st November 2024.

Those shortlisted will be contacted by the England Board Chair to organise interviews.

Successful candidates will be asked to provide references prior to appointment. It is anticipated successful applicants will be asked to attend the following In person meeting of the England Board on 3rd December 2024.