

Guide to Foundation Priority Programmes (FPP) in Wales

All applicants interested in Foundation Priority Programmes (FPPs) must apply for the Foundation Programme (FP) and state that they wish to apply for FPP within that application.

FPP applicants rank individual priority programmes and offers are made before the national allocation to programme. Applicants must rank a minimum of one programme and can rank programmes from multiple Foundation Schools. The ranking can be amended after submission of the FP application up until the deadline specified by the UKFPO in the [Applicant Timeline](#).

If an FPP applicant rejects an offer, then they are included within the national allocation without discrimination.

Further information on the application process can be found on the [UK Foundation Programme Office \(UKFPO\) website](#).

Introduction

FPPs have been developed to maximise the opportunity for applicants who wish to be allocated to areas that are typically under recruited and therefore improve supply to specialty training and beyond.

In Wales, our FPPs are based in the seaside town of Aberystwyth and have links to the Cardiff Medical School CARER Programme, teaching 3rd year medical students in a rural community setting.

Available Programmes

The full details of the 18x available programmes can be found in the Summary List of Programmes on [our website](#).

In addition to the FPP element, 9x of these posts are also [LIFT \(Longitudinal Integrated Foundation Training\) posts](#).

If any of these posts are not allocated through the separate FPP recruitment process, then these are included within the main FP allocation process.

FPP Details and Incentives

During the F1 year, all our FPP posts include a teaching commitment in the clinical setting, equivalent to one session per week during the Cardiff University term time. This will be used to support Cardiff Medical Students on the C21 course who have elected to undertake a year-long “Community and Rural Education Route (CARER) Programme” in Mid-Wales.

To maximise this opportunity for our Foundation Doctors, they are invited to attend a “Teaching Skills for Doctors” course provided by a neighbouring Health Board. This is a two-day practical course that is further supported by a dedicated mentor throughout the year and following completion of a MedEd portfolio can lead to membership of the [Academy of Medical Educators](#).

Although every effort is made to ensure information is listed correctly, please note that all posts are subject to change, possibly at short notice, and according to the needs of the Health Boards and the Wales Foundation School. Any changes to posts or rotations will meet the clinical and educational requirements of the UK Foundation Programme and we will endeavour to notify any affected parties as soon as possible.