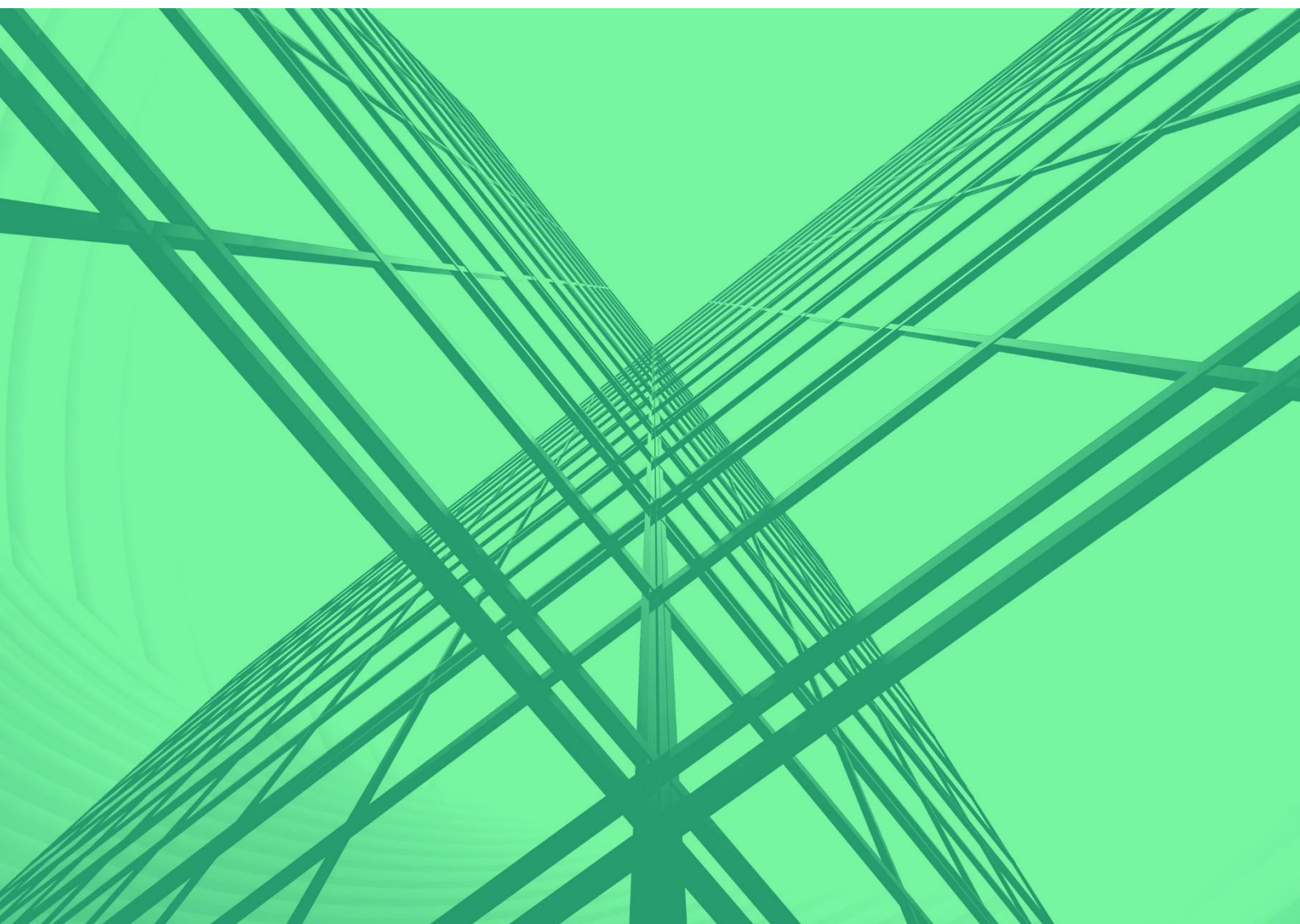


Membership Qualifications Executive

CANDIDATE PACK

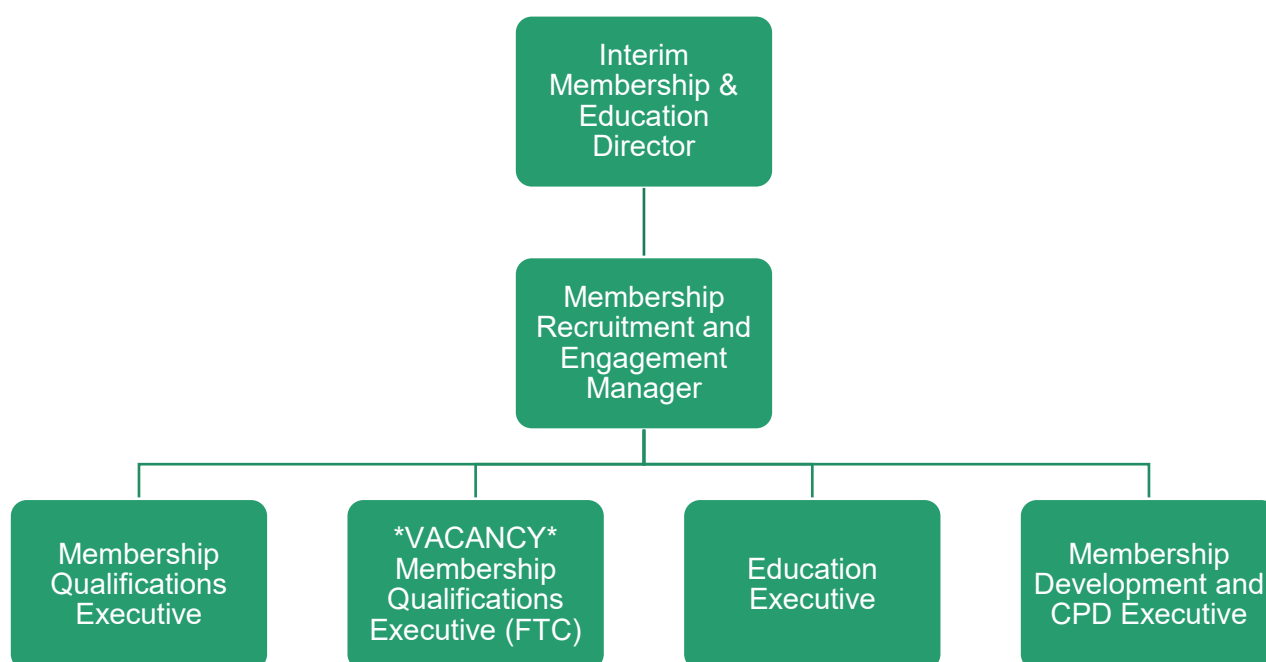
6-month fixed term contract

35 hours per week



The Membership Recruitment and Engagement team

Our Membership Recruitment & Engagement team are a team of 5 that report into the Head of Membership and Education and are part of the Membership and Education department.



Do you enjoy supporting member journeys, managing detailed processes and helping people progress in their professional careers?

As a Membership Qualifications Executive, you will play a central role in delivering the Institution's academic qualifications processes. You'll support candidates at every stage, from handling Graduate, Academic Assessment and Technical Report Route applications through acting as Secretary to the Academic Qualifications Panel (AQP). This is a role for someone who thrives on structure, accuracy and meaningful engagement.

You will collaborate closely with colleagues internally, support the promotion of grades such as GIStructE and Affiliate, and build relationships with universities, professional bodies and other external organisations. You will be preparing agendas and minutes, guiding candidates and helping promote routes to membership across the UK. This varied makes a direct and positive impact on the professional journeys of aspiring structural engineers.

Why work for the Institution?

Working for the Institution of Structural Engineers is an opportunity to learn, develop and make a difference.

Join our team of approximately 80 employees and help support our vision to lead, support and nurture the development of structural engineering worldwide.

Our head office is only a short walk from Barbican, Old Street and Farringdon. It's bright, modern and open plan, supporting a collaborative environment.

We pride ourselves on the flexibility we can provide to our staff and offer a wide variety of benefits to enhance your work life balance and wellbeing as detailed later in this pack.

To thrive with us, bring:

- An open-minded and flexible approach. Enhance our diverse and inclusive team.
- A creative attitude to work. Help us strengthen and improve in a workplace where you are encouraged to innovate and share new ideas.
- Enthusiasm and commitment. Provide our members with the best service possible to maintain our worldwide respected status.
- A friendly and communicative approach. Fit into our organisation where staff know each other well and strive to work collaboratively.
- The ambition to take on new challenges. We always look to the future to embrace change, so we continue to evolve.

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Job description and person specification

1. Job details

Job title:	Membership Qualifications Executive (FTC)
Reports to:	Membership Recruitment and Engagement Manager
Date:	August 2026
Location:	The Institution's HQ, London or elsewhere as reasonably required.

2. Job purpose

To efficiently undertake the day to day operational activities pertaining to the Institution's academic qualifications process including the processing of all Graduate applications, applications from those applying for an Academic Assessment and applications from those following the Technical Report Route.

To act as panel secretary to the Academic Qualifications Panel (AQP).

To support Departmental activities in relation to recruitment and engagement of members.

3. Role and responsibilities

1. Undertake the processing of all Graduate applications, applications from those applying for an Academic Assessment, and applications from candidates following the Technical Report Route.
2. Support the promotion of the GIPstructE designation and ensure that the designation is accurately recorded for eligible members.
3. Provide support and guidance to candidates who are enquiring about the academic eligibility, acting as the first point of contact.
4. Provide support and act as Secretary to the Institution's Academic Qualification Panel (AQP) including the production of agendas, papers, minutes and reports and complete tasks/actions as directed by the Panel or line manager.
5. To support visits to Regional Groups and companies to promote IPD and the Professional Review.
6. To process Affiliate applications and support the promotion of this grade
7. Work collaboratively within the Membership and Education Department and other departments/panels/committees.

4. General responsibilities

1. Contribute to meeting departmental targets.
2. Develop an in depth understanding of academic qualifications and a broad knowledge of routes to membership.
3. Make suggestions for improving processes, systems etc. which support the efficiency and day to day running of the department.
4. Comply with all Institution Policy and Procedures.
5. Any other reasonable ad hoc duties as required.

5. Communications and working relationships

1. Members of the Institution both existing and potential.
2. Committee and panel, in particular the Academic Qualifications Panel.
3. Employees and other departments within the Institution.
4. External Bodies e.g. universities, JBM, Engineering Council and companies.

6. Knowledge, skills and experience required

Criteria	Essential/Desirable
<u>Qualifications and knowledge</u>	
A good basic standard of education (ideally educated to Degree level or vocational equivalent)	E (D)
In-depth knowledge and understanding of academic qualifications relating to Further Education/Higher Education sectors	E
Knowledge of the civil/structural engineering discipline	D
<u>Skills</u>	
Excellent organisational skills, able to work independently with minimal supervision and with a systemised/methodical approach to managing multi-stream and complex workload with the ability to work under pressure to meet tight deadlines.	E
Excellent written and oral communication skills with the ability to present and explain detailed information clearly and succinctly.	E/D
Excellent interpersonal skills with the confidence to work with professionally qualified volunteer Chairs/panel members and internal colleagues.	
Attention to detail, accuracy and ability to check detailed information, able to critique own work and the work of others.	E/D

Flexible, resourceful and self-motivated with a passion to deliver an excellent level of service to the members.	E/D
Ability to work in a small team and collaboratively with other departments committees and members.	
Appetite to learn, build on knowledge and current experience to further develop an understanding of academic qualifications and routes to membership.	
IT Skills:	
Word and Outlook to advanced standard	E
Excel and PowerPoint to intermediate standard	E
<u>Experience</u>	
Delivering administrative and secretariat support (ideally gained in a professional membership environment, engineering/construction, or an examination/awarding body/regulator)	E (D)
Preparing agendas, producing minutes, letters and report writing.	E
Using CRM systems to ensure effective data maintenance, processing/inputting and ongoing updating of information/applications.	E
Acting as a first point of contact providing information and guidance to external existing and potential clients/members and educational establishments ideally regarding professional recognition routes or similar	E
Preparing and delivering presentations	D
<u>Other</u>	
The job holder may be required to travel in the UK to deliver presentations to companies and attend meetings.	

This job description does not form part of the contract of employment and may be subject to change.

Salary and package details

Salary: £31,539 per annum (Starting Salary)

Contract: Full time – 35 hours a week within a flexi-time system

Benefits: The Institution offers a range of non-contractual discretionary benefits including:

Benefits on commencement:

- Life Insurance (death in service benefit)
- Eye care and glasses- eye tests paid for and contribution towards any glasses specific for DSE use
- Access to some parts of the employee assistance programme
- Pension- can join the pension scheme from any date after commencement in Tier 1 (employer 6%, employee 3% minimum contributions)
- 25 days paid annual leave (increasing with service to 28 days) plus bank holidays and flexi leave
- Flu vaccination voucher

Benefits from three months:

- Pension- automatic enrolment in Tier one: employer 6%, employee 3% minimum contributions
- Pension- you can request to join Tier two: employer 9%, employee 5% minimum contributions
- Full pay sickness absence up to 65 days in a 12-month rolling period
- Income protection insurance: you may be eligible for this support if you are absent due to sickness for a continuous period of 13 weeks or more, subject to acceptance of the claim
- Full access to our employee assistance programme which includes a discounts and savings platform and access to additional health services (e.g. counselling, physio, 24 hour online GP, nutritionist and personal training sessions) via an app-based service

On successful completion of a 6-month probation period, you will be eligible to the following optional benefits:

- Private medical insurance (PMI) currently provided by AXA (voluntary and subject to tax and NI)
- Health cash plan, currently provided by BUPA (voluntary and subject to tax and NI)
- Reimbursement of an agreed and appropriate Membership subscription
- Season ticket loan (non-taxable)
- Cycle to Work Scheme
- Paid maternity, paternity, adoption and carers leave at rates of pay higher than statute, subject to service requirements as per the current policies
- Opportunities for pay progression.
- Two paid days annually for volunteering

How to apply: the recruitment process

Please submit an up-to-date CV and cover letter demonstrating how you meet the knowledge, skills and experience required for the role as described in the job description. The cover letter should be no more than 500 words.

To apply please see our [website](#).

On receipt, your application will be sifted by the recruitment panel and assessed against the criteria for the role. All successfully shortlisted candidates will be contacted by telephone and invited for interview. We reserve the right to close or extend this position depending on application numbers. Therefore, we would urge candidates to apply as soon as possible.

If you have not heard from the Institution within two weeks of your application, it is with regret that you have been unsuccessful on this occasion. Due to the volume of applications we receive we cannot write to all applicants.

The selection process will consist of a job-related assessment followed by a virtual interview with the manager for this post Lucy Olivier, Membership Recruitment and Engagement Manager and Conor Boyle - HR Resourcing and Support Executive.

The interview will comprise of competency questions designed to test your skills and experience required for this role. It also gives you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the role, the team or the Institution.

The second stage of the selection process will be a face-to-face interview with Lucy Olivier, Membership Recruitment and Engagement Manager, Michael Lewis – Examinations and PRI Manager and Conor Boyle - HR Resourcing and Support Executive.

We want to support you. If you require any reasonable adjustments during our recruitment process, this could be for the application, assessment and/ or interview, please let us know as soon as possible so that adequate provisions can be made for you.

The Institution of Structural Engineers

With over 30,000 members working in 105 countries, we are the world's largest membership organisation dedicated to the art and science of structural engineering.

The Institution is an internationally recognised source of expertise and information concerning all issues that involve structural engineering and public safety within the built environment.

The core work of the Institution is to support and protect the profession by upholding professional standards and acting as an international voice on behalf of structural engineers.

Governance

The Institution of Structural Engineers is governed under its Royal Charter, byelaws and the applicable regulations.

The Institution Council consists of the President, Vice-Presidents, past Presidents, representatives of regional groups and members who are elected for a period of three years. The Institution is supported by an executive of 75 staff. The Board is the governing body of the Institution. Its members are the Institution's Trustees.

Our values & Mission statement

We strive towards a structural engineering profession that is built on integrity, excellence, inclusivity and collaboration. Our aim is to secure a safe and sustainable world by advancing structural engineering, raising professional standards, and sharing knowledge.

- **Integrity** – We are committed to upholding the highest standards of ethical conduct in our practices and interactions.
- **Excellence** – We are focused on excellence in everything we do, setting high standards for ourselves and our members, valuing quality, innovation, and continuous improvement.
- **Inclusivity**- We are inclusive, we embrace diversity and value the contributions of individuals from all backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences, fostering a welcoming environment for all.
- **Collaboration** – We believe in the power of collaboration and cooperation, encouraging members to share knowledge, resources, and expertise for the collective advancement of structural engineering.

For more detailed information about the Institution please visit our [website](https://www.istructe.org).

Our Work

Climate Change

The climate emergency is the greatest threat to our planet. Structural engineers have a responsibility to help mitigate its effects by changing the way buildings and infrastructure are designed, commissioned and constructed. The Institution, our [Climate Emergency Task Group](#) and [Sustainability Panel](#), supports these vital efforts through its role as an international centre of knowledge, sharing information and opinion with its membership and beyond.

Resilience

The Institution support the efforts to build [resilient](#) communities. Members take measures to avoid, reduce, resist and aid recovery from extreme events including Tsunamis, flooding, explosions and seismic events. Our [Humanitarian and International Development Panel](#) as well as our [Seismic and Dynamic Events Panel](#) includes experts from regions around the world. They help structural engineers confront the challenges faced by the poorest and most vulnerable people and progress activities to support the development and understanding of seismic and resilient design.

Safer Structures

Structural engineers consider the safety of structures from design and construction through to operation and demolition, in accordance with local legislation. The [Institution of Structural Engineers](#) along with [CROSS](#) investigates failures and near misses (including [Grenfell](#)) in order to share knowledge and insight to Structural Engineers to avoid any potential or future disasters.

Young Members

The Institution is committed to ensuring the profession of Structural Engineering is accessible to everyone. We offer tailored visits, events and networking opportunities to our [young members](#) to help them get support at a crucial time in their career. Our values extend to our work in [education](#) that encourages young people from diverse backgrounds to choose and access structural engineering careers.

Mentoring Programme

We support professional and career growth through our [mentoring programmes](#). It offers mentees an effective way to progress their career to accessing knowledge and experience of expert and impartial mentors. For mentors it develops existing leadership skills by supporting mentees growth.

Support

Our [Benevolent Fund](#) offers support to current and former members and their dependants going through tough times who may need financial support. Partnered with Anxiety UK, our members will also be able to quickly access therapeutic support if needed and have access to a range of learning materials to support managers and their staff on mental health awareness.

Organisational Structure

