

BAOMS Mentoring and Support Programme (MSP)

MSP is the new name for the mentoring and support system previously called the Junior Trainee Programme (JTP). MSP is aimed at those who are seriously considering or already committed to a career in OMFS.

Membership of the MSP (JTP) is scored on the OMFS person specifications as evidence of commitment to the specialty if membership is > 6 months. An additional benefit.

Everyone interested in the MSP is asked to [Register your interest](#) in OMFS training:

MSP is separated into three levels based on the trainee's needs at that stage in their development. The MSP is summarised below:

- BAOMS Membership required
- Trainee needs to meet and obtain formal support from a local or national TPD
 - Local OMFS Training Programme Director (TPDs) details at <https://www.jcst.org/committees/training-programme-directors-tpds/omfs-training-programme-directors/>
 - the BAOMS national MSP TPD via the BAOMS office – e-mail office@baoms.org.uk to request a virtual meeting.
- OMFS TPDs are the gate-keepers of this programme. They complete the application form with the trainee after discussing their plans and reviewing their portfolio. This discussion may be face to face or virtual. The form may be completed and scanned or sent by e-mail.
- After the MSP application form is complete:
 - The TPD will allocate a local or national Mentor/Educational supervisor (AES).
 - The AES will agree annual objectives (which may simply be work hard for your second degree finals!).
 - AES will undertake an annual review of progress against objectives
 - If the AES feels use of ISCP is appropriate, the cost of this will be refunded by BAOMS

Level 1 - Preparation for Second Degree Application (Basic OMFS)

This is the most important element of MSP. We want people who enter second degree training to have made the right decision for themselves and for the specialty:

- 1) enough experience to decide that they want a career in OMFS and
- 2) enough exposure to experienced trainers for them to be able to be happy that this ambition is appropriate and give their support with UCAS referee statement etc.

Focus would be on hands-on practical experience and assessment of key non-technical elements for a future consultant. Some knowledge acquisition would be expected.

Level 2 – Accepted for 2nd degree and 2nd degree studies (Intermediate OMFS)

The focus of this level is to keep in touch with the specialty without compromising studies, to ensure that all OMFS exposure and activity is documented as training, and to build toward future ST application.

Level 3 – Last 18 months prior to ST application (Pre-ST OMFS)

For medicine first people, this level may be their penultimate year of dental studies. For dentistry first trainees it will usually be the Foundation Year 1 onwards. The aim is to prepare the trainee for the ST1/ST3 and CT selection processes.



If you are interested in BAOMS MSP...

Consider completing the Taste of OMFS programme. It will help in your discussions with an OMFS Training Programme Director (TPDs) or the national MSP TPD via the BAOMS office. These TPDs are the gate-keepers for entry to MSP. They want to back people who are genuinely interested in a career in OMFS.

If they support your application you will be welcomed into the MSP Programme.

Taste of OMFS – a trainee led checklist of OMFS activity

if you are considering applying for the BAOMS MSP, please take a moment to look at the Taste of OMFS checklist.

Membership of BAOMS is not required for this trainee led programme of activity against a checklist aimed at trainees in any post and at any stage of their career. The checklist is verified by an OMFS trainer or trainee to make sure the participant speaks to an OMFS surgeon face to face or on-line.

Everyone considering a career in OMFS should try to participate or complete this Taste programme.