

2026/27 Foundation Governor Application Deadlines & Process

Month	Application Submission Deadline
September 2026	Friday 4 September 2026
October 2026	Friday 2 October 2026
November 2026	Friday 6 November 2026
December 2026	Friday 27 November 2026
January 2027	Friday 8 January 2027
February 2027	Friday 29 January 2027
March 2027	Friday 26 February 2027
April 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
May 2027	Friday 7 May 2027
June 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
July 2027	Friday 25 June 2027

- PCC secretaries, chairs of governors and clerks to governors are notified by email of upcoming foundation governor vacancies three months in advance, and will be sent guidance documents and a copy of the current application form.
- Each application will be reviewed by members of the Education Team, then submitted to the Foundation Governor Appointment Panel for decision.
- Where appointments/reappointments are approved, letters confirming these will be circulated to the applicant (cc'd to the PCC secretary, chair and clerk) within the month. Where applications are not approved (typically because additional information is requested), this will be communicated within the same timeframe.
- The Appointment Panel does not receive applications in August.
- For decisions made by the Appointment Panel from September 2025 onwards, terms of office will begin from the 1st of the month AFTER the month of the appointment, rather than the 1st of the month in which the appointment is made, subject to there being an available vacancy.

- Where there is no vacancy for the appointment, because an existing term of office is ongoing (for example where a current governor applies in good time for a reappointment but still has time to go on the current term of office, or where succession planning results in an application for first appointment being made in good time before the end of the current term of office of the existing governor), the appointment will be made to start at the end of the current term of office.
- If you wish to avoid periods of vacancy between terms of office, please plan for applications to reach the Appointment Panel in good time for the above dates.
- Please direct any queries regarding the appointment process to schoolsgovernance@glosdioc.org.uk.