

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) is currently seeking to make the appointment of:

Chief Examiner for Psychology

The IB Diploma Programme psychology course is the systematic study of behaviour and mental processes. Since the psychology course examines the interaction of biological, cognitive and sociocultural influences on human behaviour, it is well placed in group 3, individuals and societies. Students undertaking the course can expect to develop an understanding of how psychological knowledge is generated, developed and applied. This will allow them to have a greater understanding of themselves and appreciate the diversity of human behaviour.

The holistic approach reflected in the curriculum, which sees biological, cognitive and sociocultural analysis being taught in an integrated way ensures that students are able to develop an understanding of what all humans share, as well as the immense diversity of influences on human behaviour and mental processes. The ethical concerns raised by the methodology and application of psychological research are also key considerations of the IB psychology course.

The Chief examiner is principally responsible for setting and maintaining the academic standard for their subject(s). They are therefore closely involved in setting question papers, marking candidates' work, and determining the final grades of candidates.

As such the position of Chief examiner entails a commitment to attend meetings for activities such as question paper editing, examiner standardization and grade awarding. These meetings may be face-to-face or held online.

As a Chief examiner the post holder is also a member of the examining board for the IB. The examining board ensure that the IB programmes as a whole are coherent and fit for purpose.

A Chief examiner may also be invited to participate in curriculum and assessment development alongside teachers, external consultants, and IB academic staff. However, the IB currently operates a seven year cycle of curriculum review for individual subjects and courses, therefore the exact nature of this involvement will vary according to timing.

All essential and desirable skills, qualifications and experience are listed in the recruitment policy available on the IB senior recruitment pages.

The position is normally held for a period of five years, with an annual review.

The closing date for applications is **20th July 2020**

Successful applicants will be notified by 31st October 2020.

Appointments will take effect from 1st September 2020.

Enquiries should be directed to: examiners@ibo.org

For more information and to apply, please visit: [Senior Examiner vacancies](#)