



The viva process for the POGP portfolio.

The purpose of a viva.

A viva is an oral assessment usually carried out at the end of a doctoral/ post graduate research programme to explore a candidate's thesis in more detail. It is used to check that the candidate's work is genuinely their own and aims to clarify any matters arising from assessing the thesis.

A viva will be used as part of the POGP portfolio process to give the applicant a further opportunity to demonstrate secure knowledge and skills in the specialist field of Pelvic Health Physiotherapy and to assess the candidate's suitability for the award of full membership of the POGP.

Specific questions for the viva will be produced by the portfolio assessors once the written documentation has been read and marked. However, a suggested format and content for questioning is as follows:

- Two questions to assess the candidate's clinical knowledge.
- Two questions to assess the candidate's awareness of the key research evidence related to the clinical area in which they work.
- A question related to any professional issues mentioned in their portfolio.
- A question to further explore why the candidate chose pelvic health physiotherapy as a specialism and what their development plan is for the next 2 years.
- A question as to why the candidate wishes to be a full member of POGP and how they will engage with POGP activities.

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