

Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer
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BIOGRAPHY

Professor Tom Crick is Professor of Digital Society and Policy at the University of Bristol and Chief Scientific Adviser at the UK Government's Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Trained as a computer scientist, his academic work spans computing, data, and artificial intelligence, with particular emphasis on the societal, cultural, economic, and institutional impacts of digital technologies.

His research portfolio is interdisciplinary and international, addressing digital governance, responsible AI, open science, and computing education. His work has been supported by major public research funders and has informed policy, professional practice, and institutional reform across multiple jurisdictions. He has published extensively and holds senior editorial and advisory roles within the computing research community. He has also chaired major national curriculum reviews in computing and STEM education.

As a Chief Scientific Adviser, he provides independent scientific and technical advice to ministers and senior officials, overseeing research and evidence use, developing and implementing science strategy, and fostering responsible AI adoption within complex public systems. His role includes leadership on R&D prioritisation, assurance, and governance, working closely with public funders, industry, and academia.

Professor Crick has extensive experience in governance and financial oversight across academic, professional, and public institutions, including board-level service in multi-billion-pound, highly regulated sectors. He is a long-standing elected Member-at-Large of the ACM Council, contributing to Council deliberations on governance, finance, and institutional priorities, and has supported ACM activities spanning publications, conferences, professional practice, and financial

sustainability. He is a Fellow of multiple professional and learned societies and has received international recognition for contributions to computing education and digital skills.

STATEMENT

I am standing for Secretary/Treasurer to further support the ACM in building and maintaining strong governance, financial resilience, and institutional trust during a period of sustained disruption and change.

ACM, like many global professional societies, operates in an environment shaped by rapid technological change, evolving publication and conference models, financial uncertainty, legislative/regulatory pressures, and shifting expectations from a diverse international membership. Addressing these challenges requires disciplined stewardship of resources, transparent decision-making, and a long-term commitment to institutional sustainability.

My professional experience spans both senior leadership and non-executive governance roles across academia, government, and highly-regulated economic sectors, with direct responsibility for oversight of complex budgets, audit and risk frameworks, and assurance processes. This includes stewardship of multi-million-pound national research and innovation portfolios, responsible AI adoption, and organisational decision-making under public and regulatory scrutiny.

As a long-standing elected Member-at-Large of ACM Council and a member of the ACM Presidential Taskforce on Financial Models, I have seen how sound financial management and effective governance enable ACM's core missions: supporting members worldwide, sustaining high-quality publications and conferences, and investing responsibly in future initiatives. If elected, I would work constructively with Council, the Executive Committee, and ACM staff (and naturally, ACM members) to ensure that ACM remains financially robust, well governed, and able to serve the global computing community with confidence and integrity.