Chair of the Open Research Working Group

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Job Description

Loughborough University is seeking to appoint a Chair of the Open Research Working Group (0.1 FTE) to support our Open Research activity. The Group consists of Open Research Leads representing each of Loughborough's Schools, and members of the Library, Research and Innovation Office, and IT Services. This role helps to lead and coordinate Loughborough's work in this area in line with Loughborough's Open Research Position Statement and broader Research & Innovation Culture ambitions.

The expectation is that the role will be filled by an experienced researcher with a passion for and commitment to Open Research, who can demonstrate a willingness to lead by example in making their research openly available.

Main Duties

- To chair the Open Research Working Group (ORWG).

- To work collegiately with Professional Services and Academic colleagues to enhance Loughborough's Open Research activity helping deliver key objectives of the R&I Core plan and our University Strategic ambitions.

- To support the implementation of the Open Research Position Statement.

- To help facilitate and co-ordinate the work of the Academic Open Research Leads.

- To enable a clear understanding of disciplinary differences in Open Research.

- To advocate for Open Research to academic colleagues and senior management.

- To act as an exemplar in Open Research activity and to continue to move Loughborough's "Open" work beyond compliance.

- To serve as a member of University bodies and committees, as appropriate, where issues of relevance to Open Research are considered.

- To act as a representative of Loughborough to external groups and organisations in the Open Research area.

- Regular 1:1s with PVC(R&I) and or APVC (R&I – Impact and Internationalisation) to update on activity.

Points to Note
The purpose of this job description is to indicate the general level of duties and responsibility of the post. The detailed duties may vary from time to time without changing the general character or level of responsibility entailed.

Please note that whilst this role is 0.1FTE, there is no backfill allocated.

Organisational Responsibility
Reports to the Pro Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation or their delegate, APVC (Impact and Internationalisation), and through Research and Innovation governance routes.

Person Specification

Your application will be reviewed with respect to meeting the essential and desirable criteria listed below. Your application will be reviewed against the essential and desirable criteria listed below. Applicants are strongly advised to explicitly state and evidence how they meet each of the essential (and desirable) criteria in their application. Stages of assessment are as follows:

1 – Application
2 – Test/Assessment Centre/Presentation
3 – Interview

Essential Criteria

Area	Criteria	Stage
Experience	Significant experience of research publication and practice	1, 3
Experience	A demonstrable commitment to, and passion for, implementing Open Research practices.	1, 3
Knowledge	An understanding of the UK Open Research policy environment, including the requirements of REF and UKRI.	1,3
Knowledge	An awareness and knowledge of Institutional Rights Retention Policies	1,3
Knowledge	An awareness of FAIR data requirements.	1,3
Skills & Abilities	Ability to lead a programme of work in pursuit of a stated policy objective.	1,3
Skills & Abilities	Ability to work collegiately with academic and professional services colleagues of all levels, including senior management.	1,3
Skills & Abilities	Ability to inspire and influence others beyond their school and academic discipline.	1,3
Skills & Abilities	Willingness to learn and develop knowledge in a changing policy and technical environment.	1,3

Desirable Criteria

Area	Criteria	Stage
Skills & Abilities	In depth knowledge of the UK and broader global Open Research Policy environment.	1,3
Skills & Abilities	Knowledge of publisher attitudes and commitments to Open Research	1,3