

## HEFCW Research Wales Committee: Vacancy for independent members

The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) is looking for a minimum of two new independent members for its Research Wales Committee.

### ***What the Committee does***

The Research Wales Committee is an advisory Committee to enable the Council to make informed decisions on funding, and mechanisms that will strengthen and sustain a successful research and innovation environment for Wales. Members are encouraged to lead working groups on key areas of interest and policy relevance, to provide enhanced advice to Council.

The Committee normally meets three times a year (currently virtually). Each meeting is held during normal office hours and typically lasts three hours.

The meetings scheduled for academic year 2020/21 are set as follows:

- 10 June 2021
- October 2021 (exact date TBC)
- February 2022 (exact date TBC)

In addition to attending the meetings, you will need to commit time to reading the meeting papers and background information.

Further details of the Committee's [membership and remit](#) are available on our website ([www.hefcw.ac.uk](http://www.hefcw.ac.uk)).

### ***The roles***

Members will bring an independent, external perspective and provide a support and challenge function to the work of the Committee. You will have access to relevant networks across Wales and/or the UK and potentially internationally and have a keen interest in developing and supporting research and innovation policy in Wales.

### **Expert in research and innovation (academic **or** industry vacancy)**

- Ideally you will have a range of experience in a research and/or innovation role, either in an academic or industrial/business context.
- You will have an understanding of local, national or international policy development, and have been involved in strategic delivery within your organisation.
- With a strong understanding of the UK research and innovation policy environment, you will recognise how university research and innovation relates to economic development and other government priorities.
- **If in an academic capacity**, you would ideally have an international profile and access to a range of disciplinary networks across Wales, the UK and internationally.

- **If in an industrial capacity**, you will be expected to have experience of collaborations with university researchers, building research into the profile of your organisation and/or contributing to the innovation landscape in your area.

As a member of a HEFCW committee, you will be expected to abide by the principles set out in the [Code of Conduct for Members of HEFCW](#). You will be required to declare all relevant interests by completing a declaration of interests form, the details of which will be made public via HEFCW's website.

### ***Terms of appointment***

The position is for a fixed-term period of three years. The role is unpaid, although we pay [travel and subsistence expenses](#).

To find out more about the role or the work of the Committee, please contact Clare Davies, Research, Innovation and Engagement Manager ([clare.davies@hefcw.ac.uk](mailto:clare.davies@hefcw.ac.uk)).

### ***Applications***

HEFCW believes diversity improves decision making and we welcome enquiries from all sections of the community. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from individuals currently underrepresented on the Committee, including female, disabled, BME, LGBT+ and BME applicants. All applications will be treated the same and appointments will be made on merit. We welcome applications and correspondence in both Welsh and English.

In line with data protection legislation, details of unsuccessful applicants, including CVs, will be retained for no longer than is necessary for the purposes of processing this application. Your written consent will be sought if HEFCW wishes to retain your details for future applications.

If you believe you have the knowledge and expertise to add value as a member of our Research Wales Committee, please email a **one page application statement addressing the requirements of the role, along with a brief version of your CV and a completed equalities' monitoring form, by 12 April 2021 to** [clare.davies@hefcw.ac.uk](mailto:clare.davies@hefcw.ac.uk).