

Pro Vice-Chancellor & Dean (Faculty of Education) EHM0008-0119

Salary - Competitive

In this key Executive role, you will have autonomy for all aspects of the strategic direction of the Faculty and its future positioning in regional, national and international contexts. Reporting directly to the Vice-Chancellor and working as part of the 7 strong executive team (known as Directorate) you will have opportunity to help shape the wider University's strategic objectives.

As PVC/Dean, you will apply your strategic understanding of higher education and teacher training to expertly drive and balance priorities for teaching and research excellence, playing a key role in refining the Faculty's partnership base and meeting the needs of external stakeholders.

Candidates with a strong research and teaching profile, a successful track record of research income generation, and experience of doctoral supervision and examination will be encouraged to apply for professorial title.

The Role

With your strong track record of academic leadership and engagement, you will be responsible for the overall strategic leadership and management of academic provision within a diversifying Faculty including:

- Leading, managing and motivating a diverse team of academic and academic-related staff to deliver a first-class student experience;
- Effective and efficient deployment of financial and physical resources;
- Development and delivery of high-quality teaching;
- Strengthening the Faculty's research portfolio and external partnerships.

You will work closely with other senior managers as part of the Directorate Management Group and will be an ex-officio member of the University's Academic Board, and Academic Planning Committee.

The Person

With a passion for creating an environment for outstanding student experience and a compelling, yet achievable, vision for the future of the Faculty of Education, you are considered to be an exceptional and credible academic leader with a distinctive leadership style that brings people along with you.

In support of the strong and welcoming culture at Edge Hill University, you will model and uphold positive leadership and management behaviours, promote agile and innovative responses to the internal and external environment, and encourage cohesive, collaborative working to strengthen relationships with Faculty and University stakeholders.

The successful post holder will be expected to demonstrate the following key attributes;

- A highly developed understanding of current and emerging agendas and policy issues in Higher Education as they relate to the Faculty of Education and more broadly.
- Outstanding communication, networking, presentational and interpersonal skills necessary to provide excellent leadership in a rapidly developing Faculty and University, and forge excellent working relationships with colleagues and a wide range of other key stakeholders.
- Effective leadership and management at a senior level in a Higher Education environment, with demonstrable experience of effectively leading academic and professional support teams through significant change and improvement agendas.
- Intellectually able with the skills to think critically, see connections between disciplines and problem solve creatively in new or changing situations.
- Evidence of a commitment to, and ability to engender further, a positive culture of equality, diversity and inclusivity.
- Up to date understanding of the national schools' education agenda, ideally including Initial Teacher Training and Ofsted.

Expectations

Corporate Responsibilities

- Participate in and accept shared responsibility for the corporate leadership, management and development of the University.
- Foster cross-university co-operation in the furtherance of the University's mission statement and strategic plan ensuring the effective utilisation of University resources.
- Represent the University as appropriate by chairing or serving on internal and external committees, working and advisory groups as required by the Vice-Chancellor.

Faculty Leadership Responsibilities

- Lead, encourage and initiate academic development and planning within the Faculty and across the University; seeking opportunities for new and modified programmes, enhancing and maintaining programme quality & standards, and championing new models of delivery and behaviour.
- Raise the research profile of the Faculty to exploit the opportunities for working with business, public bodies, partners and community.
- Deliver a successful pro-active approach to student recruitment, retention and satisfaction across the Faculty.

- Ensure effective implementation and further development of Quality Assurance systems across the Faculty.
- Work with partners to ensure the Faculty is responsive to the workforce needs of the region.

It is important to note that this role description is a guide to the duties and responsibilities you will be required to undertake. It does not form part of your contract of employment.

How to apply

Applications should consist of a full CV detailing academic and professional qualifications, full employment history and relevant achievements. You should also describe, in no more than 500 words, your suitability for this role against the key attributes highlighted in 'The Person' section.