**CHANCELLOR APPOINTMENT**

**Role Description/Person Specification**

**The Role of Chancellor**

The University’s Royal Charter specifies:

*There shall be a Chancellor of the University who shall be entitled to confer Degrees and other academic awards of the University.*

The Chancellor is the ceremonial head of the University and plays an important role as both an ambassador and advocate on its behalf. The Chancellor plays an integral part in advancing the University’s profile nationally and internationally.

Working closely with the Vice-Chancellor and other senior staff, the key roles undertaken by the Chancellor for the institution include:

Ambassadorial: representing the University internally and externally, globally and nationally

Advisory: on matters of major strategic importance for the development of the University

Advocate: helping the University to work with other people and institutions and acting as an advocate for its mission

Ceremonial: a formal role in graduation ceremonies for the conferment of degrees

**Attributes**

These are some of the attributes that we consider important for our next Chancellor:

* the aptitude to support the University in delivering its mission, vision and strategy
* life or career experiences which will allow them to champion the importance of higher education, teaching and research with integrity
* a global profile and influential network, which resonates with our staff, students and partners
* excellence in their field of endeavour
* an accomplished and versatile communicator, able to inspire their audience

**Honorary Role**

The Chancellor is appointed by the Council of the University for an initial period of four years, which is renewable. The role is honorary, and therefore does not attract a salary although travel and subsistence are paid for duties on behalf of the University.

It is anticipated that the Chancellor would spend an agreed number of days each year engaged in University business with the precise commitment and distribution of activities to be agreed between the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor.

**Equality and Diversity**

Celebrating and valuing diversity is fundamental to us achieving our goals at the University and we are committed to equality. We actively encourage you to consider people that reflect the inclusive, international outlook of our university and to nominate candidates from all sections of the community and walks of life. We would like you to think as broadly as you can about possible nominations in order to ensure a diverse range of individuals are considered.

**Conflict of Interest**

Nominations cannot be taken forward for consideration if the nominee has an actual or perceived conflict of interest. Therefore, we cannot consider nominations for current members of staff or students at the University or Students’ Union, as well as current Chancellors at other institutions.