

JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

<p>Job Title: Professorial Chair – Institute of Fashion, Textiles and Technology (IFTT)</p> <p>Contract Length: Permanent</p> <p>Salary: Band A £71,915 – 79,906 (median) pro rata pa</p> <p>College/Service: Institute of Fashion, Textiles and Technology, UAL</p>	<p>Accountable to: Director, the Institute of Fashion, Textiles and Technology</p> <p>Hours per week: 37 (FT/PT flexible)</p> <p>Weeks per year: 52</p> <p>Grade: Individual</p> <p>Location: London College of Fashion, 20 John Princes Street, London</p>
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Purpose of Role:

The post holder will show academic fashion, textiles and technology related leadership in one or more of the following: materials engineering; fibre chemistry; cosmetic science; creative computing; smart manufacturing and business disciplines, and evidence involvement at a senior level with relevant professional bodies or learned societies.

Working with the Director of the emergent Institute of Fashion, Textiles and Technology (IFTT), and across research, partnership and business development teams, the post holder will play a key role in the strategic development of the **Institute of Fashion, Textiles and Technology, UAL**, establish relevant partnerships across industry, academia and government. Familiar with the UK Industrial Strategy, and UKRI initiatives, they will plan and initiate the writing of research council funding bids as either Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator, building on a track record of attracting research funding and contract research. The post holder will also support Early Career Researchers in acquiring Research and Knowledge Exchange skills, including development of research funding proposals, and will also act as Director of Study and/ or supervisor to research degree students as appropriate.

The emergent Institute of Fashion, Textiles and Technology (IFTT) UAL, builds on the current delivery of a £5.5m AHRC Creative Research & Development Partnership (CRDP) award (2018-23), *The Business of Fashion, Textiles and Technology* (BFTT). BFTT is one of nine game-changing CRDPs, part of the Government’s investment in the UK’s creative industries, and a flagship Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund initiative.

BFTT has established an ambitious portfolio of STEAM research and development initiatives spanning: sustainable design; environmental science; materials engineering and manufacturing; polymer chemistry; anthropology; business and management; computer science; digital design and production. A novel programme of support for UK SMEs will disburse around £2.5m in funding (plus leveraged funds) by 2022 to progress SME led projects in collaboration with the wider CRDP (including Loughborough University; University College London; Queen Mary University; University of Leeds and Cambridge University).

The FTE of this role is flexible (full-time/part-time) and can be adjusted in relation to salary’s expectations.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Support the strategic development of the emergent **Institute of Fashion, Textiles and Technology (IFTT)**, and establish relevant research partnerships across industry, academia and government.
- Develop the research activities and profiling of the Institute of Fashion, Textiles and Technology working with the IFTT’s Director, Deputy Director, and research, partnership and business development teams.
- Initiate and lead the development of IFTT related external funding applications and proposals to UKRI, charitable trusts, and contract research initiatives as the Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator.
- Mentor IFTT Post Doctoral Research Fellows / Assistants and Early Career Researchers in their professional development as researchers – including bid development.
- Support IFTT academic staff and contribute to the wider research and KE culture through membership of relevant IFTT and University Committees.
- To support the development of collaborative IFTT research links and partnerships across the University, IFTT partner Universities, cultural institutions and with industry.
- Contribute to the academic research profile of the IFTT, through attendance and participation at relevant

national and international forums, through participation in conferences and events; and through membership of editorial boards of significant journals or academic presses

- To produce and publish research and scholarship which makes a significant contribution to the furtherance of knowledge and its application within the context of the IFTT.
- Inform and contribute toward development of the UAL REF submission, and impact planning.
- Contribute to seminars, conferences and related events initiated by UAL Institutes, Research Centres, Hubs, Student and Staff groups.
- To line manage staff as may be appropriate.
- To be involved in the recruitment, supervision and support of doctoral students.
- To contribute to teaching and to curriculum design and development as appropriate.

Other:

- To perform such duties consistent with your role as may from time to time be assigned to you anywhere within the University.
- To work in accordance with the University's Equal Opportunities Policy and the Staff Charter, promoting equality and diversity in your work.
- To undertake health and safety duties and responsibilities appropriate to the role.
- To undertake continuous personal and professional development, and to support the management of appointed staff through effective use of the University's Planning, Review and Appraisal scheme and staff development opportunities.
- To make full use of all information and communication technologies in adherence to data protection policies to meet the requirements of the role and to promote organisational effectiveness.
- To conduct all financial matters associated with the role in accordance with the University's policies and procedures, as laid down in the Financial Regulations.

Key Working Relationships: Managers and other staff, and external partners, suppliers etc; with whom regular contact is required.

IFTT Director

IFTT Deputy Director

IFTT Co-Directors / Partner University leaders

IFTT Associate Director Partnerships and Business Development

IFTT Industry and Associations (external e.g. BFC, UKFT)

BFTT Project and Business Management Team

BFTT SME Programme Academic Supervisors

BFTT Programme PDRA SME Placements/Associates

UAL Institutes

UAL Research Centre Directors /teams, including Centre for Sustainable Fashion, Digital Anthropology Lab, Centre for Fashion Business Research and Innovation, Centre for Circular Design

UAL Research Management and Administration Funding and Finance contacts

UAL Business Development Managers / equivalent at partner Universities including Loughborough, Leeds, UCL and QMUL

Workspace and Incubators leads (e.g. Fashion District, Fashion Innovation Agency (FIA) and Centre for Fashion Enterprise (CFE), LCF)

Specific Management Responsibilities

Budgets: As appropriate (e.g. Professorial support fund, or as Principal Investigator on funded project)

Staff: As appropriate

Other (e.g. accommodation; equipment):

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	Relevant qualification / PhD required
Specialist Knowledge/ Qualifications	Reader / Professor in a relevant field Familiar with UK Industrial Strategy, and UKRI funding initiatives
Relevant Experience	Recognised active international research profile Experience of developing and writing research proposals, funding bids and contract research Experience of REF / Impact delivery
Communication Skills	Communicates in a compelling and influential way. Adapts the style and message to a diverse internal or external audience in an inclusive and accessible way
Leadership and Management	Motivates and leads effectively, setting the direction of one or more function and promotes collaboration across formal boundaries
Research, Teaching and Learning	Applies innovative approaches in leading academic programmes, teaching, learning or professional practice to support excellent teaching, pedagogy and inclusivity Applies own research to develop learning and assessment practice
Professional Practice	Contributes to advancing professional practice/research or scholarly activity in own area of specialism
Planning and managing resources	Effectively plans, prioritises and manages the delivery of complex projects or activities to achieve long term strategic objectives
Teamwork	Builds effective teams, networks or communities of practice and fosters constructive cross team collaboration
Student experience or customer service	Makes a significant contribution to improving the student or customer experience to promote an inclusive environment for students, colleagues or customers
Creativity, innovation and Problem Solving	Identifies innovative practical solutions to new or unique problems.

The application form sets out a number of competence questions related to some of the following selection criteria. Shortlisting will be based on your responses to these questions. Please make sure you provide evidence to demonstrate clearly how you meet these criteria

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