Recruitment of Co-opted member to University Court

Further particulars and Job Description

As a founding member of the Russell Group, Glasgow is one of the UK’s leading research universities. It has a strong and growing international profile and, with 7,000 employees an annual turnover of £600M, has a powerful impact on the Scottish economy. The successful candidate will be contributing to the University’s development at an exciting time, with the publication of the new Strategic Plan and the institution’s acquisition of the Western Infirmary site, which has resulted in major redevelopment plans for the campus.

The Court is the University’s governing body and is the legal persona of the University. Its powers have been defined over a number of years, commencing in 1858 when the Court was first established, and are set out in the Universities (Scotland) Acts 1858-1966 and the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016, and subsidiary ordinances, resolutions and regulations. The Court has ultimate responsibility for the deployment of resources (financial, estates, human) in the University and for the strategic plans of the institution, and a monitoring role in relation to the overall performance of the University. A number of key committees report to Court including the Human Resources, Estates and Finance Committees.

Court members must conduct themselves in accordance with accepted standards of behaviour in public life, embracing selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. Members are expected to establish constructive and supportive, but challenging, working relationships with the University executives with whom they interact, at the same time recognising the proper separation between governance and executive management. Members should act fairly and impartially in the interests of the University as a whole, using independent judgement and maintaining confidentiality where appropriate.

The successful candidate will need to commit around 10-12 days per year to the duties of governor, including attendance at 5 meetings of the Court per year, but with the option of a more substantial commitment of time, including the possibility of chairing University committees in the future.

The position is non-executive and unremunerated, but all relevant expenses will be paid. The appointment will be for four years in the first instance. Candidates must not be employees or current students of the University of Glasgow.
Essential Requirements

1. Strong commitment to Higher Education
2. Commitment to the values and success of the University of Glasgow, and to the University’s objectives to deliver excellent research; to provide an excellent student experience; and to extend its global reach and reputation
3. Knowledge and demonstrable experience of corporate governance arrangements
4. Understanding and experience of complex business environments and experience of decision-making at a strategic level (Board or Management Committee)
5. Strong entrepreneurial/commercial leadership experience
6. Financial management experience at a strategic level
7. Experience of interpreting complex information to come to a rational conclusion
8. High level of objectivity, integrity and discretion
9. Ability to question and challenge effectively
10. Excellent communication skills

Desirable Requirements

1. Marketing and international experience in a commercial environment
2. Experience of operation at senior level in finance and/or property

Application is by CV and letter, and these should clearly set out how your skills, knowledge and experience match the requirements of the position, and provide any other relevant information.

The deadline for applications is Friday 18 August 2017

Applications should be sent in the post or emailed to:
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