

Chair, The Scotland 5G Centre

Purpose

The Scotland 5G Centre is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual to lead its Governing Board. The Board is responsible for the maintenance and ongoing renewal of the Centre's long-term strategy, overseeing the Executive Team's delivery of that strategy, monitoring the Centre's performance on behalf of its stakeholders and giving advice to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Team.

The Scotland 5G Centre aims to be the national Platform accelerating the adoption of 5G to realise its economic and societal potential for Scotland. The Scotland 5G Centre is working with stakeholders from industry, academia and the public sector and the new Chair is expected to have a successful sector track record in a leadership position. They will be a prominent advocate for advancing technology adoption & business innovation, raising the profile of the Scotland 5G Centre and influencing all stakeholder groups.

Applicants will have a track record of making an impact in boardroom environments. They will understand the roles of research & development (R&D), collaboration, innovation and commercialisation and will be a highly skilled communicator, practiced in influencing at the highest levels.

The Scotland 5G Centre is hosted by the University of Strathclyde and the appointment process will be subject to the University's policies and procedures, particularly concerning equality, diversity and transparency. An honorarium plus related expenses will be paid to the successful candidate.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

1. Lead the Governing Board, ensuring that it holds the Executive Team to account for the delivery of the Centre's business plan, sustains a visionary strategy and develops creative initiatives to strengthen the Centre's reputation as a key member of Scotland's innovation system. The Governing Board is expected to meet four times per year with ad-hoc working groups tackling specific tasks in the interim.
2. Give regular guidance and challenge in meetings with the CEO to ensure that the strategy and business plan are delivered and the reputation of The Scotland 5G Centre continues to grow.
3. Develop and maintain strong and effective relationships with key stakeholders in government, funding agencies, industry and academia
4. Ensure the effectiveness of the Governing Board and of its meetings. Refresh its membership as necessary with due regard to its breadth of expertise, the principles of good governance and best practice in equality and diversity.
5. Promote The Scotland 5G Centre at key events.
6. Conduct the CEO's performance and development review.

Knowledge, Qualifications, Skills and Experience

Knowledge/Qualifications

Essential

A1 A strong track record of successful leadership at senior level in an industrial or other professional capacity.

A2 Experience and/or understanding of the role of innovation centres and similar organisations in supporting economic growth.

Desirable

B1 A sound knowledge of and expertise of communication systems and, ideally, in the potential of 5G.

Skills

Essential

C1 Proven ability to lead senior colleagues in the creation, development and implementation of strategy.

C2 Ability to lead meetings of talented opinion-formers to achieve effective conclusions.

C3 Outstanding ability to communicate with senior contacts within public, private and academic sectors and a high level of influencing and negotiating skills

C4 Excellent interpersonal skills

Experience

Essential

E1 Experience of strategic leadership or responsibility in a similar Board-level role

E2 Experience of financial oversight and governance

Role Features

Influencing

The Chair will play a critical role in positioning The Scotland 5G Centre at the forefront of digital innovation in Scotland.

Strategic Partnerships

5G offers new opportunities across the industrial and public service landscape. The Chair will play a leading role in developing partnerships with sectoral organisations with a view to developing and supporting innovation within those sectors.

Funding & Investment

The Chair will play a leading role in building the business-case and rationale for additional investment, both in term of magnitude and duration, from various private and public sources, so that the vision of The Scotland 5G Centre can be achieved and the future sustainability assured.

Internal/External Relationships

Liaise on a regular basis with the CEO and with external stakeholders as appropriate.

Build rapport with members of the Board to maximise effectiveness.

Conduct CEO annual performance review

Planning and Organisation

Apart from attending and leading regular timetabled Board meetings (4 per year) the Chair is free to deliver the remit as necessary and appropriate.

Decision Making

It is the Chair's responsibility to ensure that their decisions and those of the Board are made in accordance with governance procedures laid down by the funders and the administering university as set out in their formal Collaboration Agreement.

Strategy Implementation

The Chair will use their expertise and experience to assist the Executive Team to meet the challenges encountered by the organisation.

Standard Terms & Conditions

Location:

Scotland; no permanent location

Tenure:

From April 2020 to March 2022

Time commitment:

2/3 days per month

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest in the role should be sent to info@scotland5gcentre.org with a CV and covering letter by 13th April 2020.