



Special Adviser on Research and Innovation

Role description

Special Adviser on Research and Innovation is an unpaid role for a Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales. The appointee will report directly to the Society's President.

Aims of role

- To establish the Society as a leading voice on research and innovation (R & I) matters in Wales
- To provide R & I expertise that is cross-institutional, cross-disciplinary and non-partisan
- To develop the Society's relations with relevant stakeholders in higher education, government and industry

Tasks

The Society has a flexible approach to how the Special Adviser will achieve the above aims. However, specific tasks are expected to include the following (working alongside the President or Chief Executive as appropriate):

- Representing the Society in R & I meetings and discussions with government bodies, sister academies and similar organisations in the UK and beyond
- Briefing the Society on key developments and providing advice on policy positions; this will include reporting to the Society's Council at least once a year to report on developments
- Supporting development of the Society's R & I capacity, e.g. by encouraging Fellows to engage in relevant activities, and supporting nominations of suitably qualified individuals for Fellowship
- Supporting efforts to achieve better representation of Wales on UKRI Councils and other relevant bodies
- Meeting with government and industry representatives, and establishing a cross-sectoral network to support their engagement with academics

Personal profile

- A strong understanding of Research and Innovation and an excellent record of working with a variety of partners, including in industry
- A record of academic distinction and/or success in a senior leadership role
- Strong networking skills and established contacts within relevant organisations and groups
- A wider interest in the Society's work and a commitment to advancing its strategic priorities

There is no remuneration for this role, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with the Society's expenses policy.