**Executive Director** - **Manchester Institute of Innovation Research,**

**Alliance Manchester Business School**

We are looking for a vibrant and exceptional academic to lead The Manchester Institute of Innovation Research (MIoIR) into its next phase of growth and development.

MIoIR is a world leading centre of excellence for innovation research. Established in its current form in 2007, MIoIR builds on four decades of innovation research in Manchester. It is one of the largest such research centres in Europe. The Institute is based in Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS) and brings together academics and key industry and government stakeholders to collaborate on multidisciplinary research projects on innovation policy and management.

The Institute informs UK, European and international science and innovation policy by engaging with key stakeholders and decision makers. It informs management thinking by engaging with the world of business and analysing its practices.

The executive director will be responsible for the development and strategic direction of the Institute. They will provide leadership and management, ensuring that MIoIR meets the University of Manchester’s ambitious and distinctive research, teaching and impact objectives, including the development of world class, impactful research and growing relationships with key stakeholders in industry and government.

This is an exciting opportunity for a strong research leader to contribute to the strategic development of a key Faculty of Humanities research institute. An excellent track record in world class research, demonstrated leadership in a prior administrative role, good interpersonal skills and the ability to engage, influence and negotiate at all levels are essential.

This is a 5-year fixed term appointment, renewable by negotiation.

**Major Responsibilities**

1. Lead the Institute’s research and engagement strategy, ensuring alignment with University, Faculty and School strategies.
2. Foster and support high quality scholarly publications by members of the Institute.
3. Foster publication and dissemination of Institute publications, reports, and research results to practitioners and the wider public.
4. Champion constructive engagement with practitioners and policy makers - locally, nationally and internationally.
5. Act as an ambassador for the Institute and the University of Manchester; promoting the Institute and University as a world-leading centre of excellence in its fields of research and engagement.
6. Report to School, Faculty and University as required.
7. Effectively managing the performance of institute staff.
8. Ensure that the Institute can proactively respond to national and international funding opportunities that are aligned with its objectives and mission.
9. Promote a collegial and supportive environment in which all staff, especially early career scholars, can achieve their full potential.
10. Maintain, liaise with, and seek advice from, an Advisory Board that includes leading academics and practitioners in relevant fields.
11. Liaise closely with other major research institutes in the Institute’s fields of interest around the world, as well as key research institutes and networks working in related areas across the University of Manchester, see https://www.manchester.ac.uk/research/structure/interdisciplinary/
12. Engage academics in all three Faculties in the innovation management and policy agenda.
13. Ensure that the Institute plays a full part in cross-University interdisciplinary initiatives where it can make a contribution.
14. Build and maintain formal and informal links with influential academics and key stakeholders - making and renewing of honorary and visiting appointments to the Institute as needed to achieve this goal.

**Essential Characteristics**

1. Demonstrated experience and ability to exercise initiative and leadership in research.
2. Ability to lead and coordinate the work of teams working across disciplinary boundaries.
3. Evidence of a high level of academic standing in a relevant field (including, for example, a strong track record of publication in distinguished outlets, significant involvement in relevant professional organisations and societies, international conferences, editorships, advisory roles and honorary affiliations).
4. Demonstrated financial management skills, including the ability to manage research project budgets.
5. Experience of organising research and reputation building events such as workshops, and conferences for example.
6. Ability to build and maintain links with business and policy makers.

**Desirable**

1. A track record of raising grant income.
2. Experience in research led executive education and/or consultancy.
3. A track record of successful supervision of PhD or DBA students.

**Workload Allocation.**

The position carries a 50% time allocation.

**Application Process.**

Applicants should send a CV and covering letter to Prof. Ken McPhail ([Kenneth.mcphail@manchester.ac.uk)](mailto:Kenneth.mcphail@manchester.ac.uk)) by 8th November. Interviews will be held on Monday 12th November.