

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Manchester Urban Institute

Research Theme Director

As part of the second phase of the MUI, SEED is seeking to appoint a number of new Directors of Research Themes. The positions are for three years in the first instance, commencing towards the end of 2019, with the possibility of renewal. The posts carry a workload adjustment of 500 points in the SEED workload model.

Director of MUI research theme

- To provide academic vision, leadership and expertise in the research theme through being externally visible in the form of attendance at academic conferences, the publication of academic outputs and the application for research awards;
- To develop and extend the research activities and outputs in the research theme through connecting and working with colleagues across SEED, the Faculty of Humanities and the University of Manchester, where appropriate and possible;
- To work as part of the Institute's leadership team to achieve the above goals, raising the external and internal visibility of the research theme across academic and non-academic audiences.

Key roles and responsibilities

- Contribute to the Institute's research agenda through directing the research theme;
- Work with colleagues in the research theme to gain a sense of emerging issues and who is working on them at the university;
- Develop research initiatives amongst colleagues to improve research performance;
- Ensures alignment of the research theme with the Institute's research, internationalisation and PGR KPIs;
- Works with the University's Donor and Alumni Relations Directorate to secure philanthropic funding in support of the research theme's activities;
- Represent the Institute locally, nationally and internationally at academic conferences and research-related events;

KPIs for 19-20

- At least one cross-departmental/cross-school/cross faculty research capacity building meeting on the research theme or some part of it;
- Significant presence at one international conference to raise profile of research, perhaps leading to a multi-authored or multi-edited research output;
- At least one cross-departmental/cross-school/cross-faculty research bid of over £750 000