

Independent Members of the Board of Governors

Voluntary role

Job number 104985

Closing date 30/06/2024 at 23:30

About you

As an independent member of the board of governors, you will come to us with substantial and broad experience in external organisations which are relevant to the University's strategic aims and ambitions.

You should demonstrate a track record of achievement and contribution, which has national and international impact.

You will have:

- an understanding of, and commitment to, the purposes of higher education;
- the ability to take an independent and objective view;
- the ability to take a strategic overview and contribute to the University's strategic development.

You will also have experience and expertise in one of more areas of:

- Higher Education curriculum delivery and quality assurance
- Business and commerce
- Finance and Audit
- Estate and Property Development
- Strategic oversight of IT including digital transformation programmes

The role

Being a member of the University's Board of Governors is a highly rewarding voluntary role. It is a unique opportunity to help shape the future of an innovative and imaginative organisation that has a powerful impact locally, nationally and internationally.

Members should have substantial and broad experience in external organisations that are relevant to the University's strategic aims and ambitions. Members should demonstrate a track record of achievement and contribution which has national and international impact.

[Find out more about how the University is governed.](#)

Time Commitment

The Board meets six times per year at the University, [City Campus](#), a welcoming modern environment at the gateway to Sheffield, in the busy city centre. Members are expected to support one or more of the Board's Committees. Committee membership usually involves virtual attendance (with each committee having between 2-4 meetings per academic year).

Members are expected to attend strategy days (currently 2 days in October and 1 day in February) in addition to scheduled business meetings.

Members are encouraged and supported to attend training and development activities relevant to their role, including briefing on matters of interest.

[Find out more about getting to our campuses](#)

Questions about this role

For informal enquiries about the role, please contact Lorraine Stallard on:

Email l.c.stallard@shu.ac.uk

Selection

Applications received will be considered by the Governance and Nominations Committee and recommendations for appointment will be considered at the appropriate meeting of the Board

How to apply

All applications should be made online using the [Hallam jobs portal](#).

Please submit a CV and a supporting statement demonstrating how you meet the criteria outlined on the Person specification below.

Having trouble with your application? Please see [our FAQs](#) for more information.

Equality and diversity

We value every individual within our organisation, and believe that equality, diversity and inclusion are essential to our strengths. We strive to achieve academic and business excellence by empowering all our people to fulfil their potential.

We welcome your application irrespective of age, pregnancy and maternity, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief, or marital or civil partnership status.

[Find out more about equality and diversity at Sheffield Hallam](#)

ROLE DESCRIPTION – Member of the Board of Governors

Role Purpose:

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The ability to take an independent and objective view.

The ability to take a strategic overview and make a contribution to the University's strategic development.

Responsibilities

Engagement with the issues facing the higher education sector and Sheffield Hallam University to support active and effective contribution to the business of the Board.

Embrace the seven principles of public life as expressed by the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life. These are selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

Time commitment

Attend Board meetings, currently six meetings per year at the University.

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Remuneration

Voluntary appointment. Costs of training and development, reasonable expenses and administrative support are provided.

External and representative duties

Encouraged and supported to participate in regular and ad hoc University events. These include the annual graduation ceremonies, civic functions and professorial and public lectures.

Act as ambassadors for the University and will be supported in promoting the University via their professional and social networks.

PERSON SPECIFICATION – Member of the Board of Governors

Eligibility

Must be over 18 years of age
Not employed at the University
Not a student at the University
Not a serving elected member of a local or national authority (excluding Parish Councils)

Role Specific

Capability	Detail	Essential/ Desirable	Application / Interview
Experience	An understanding of and commitment to the purposes of higher education	E	A/I
	Ability to take an independent and objective view	E	A/I
	Ability to take a strategic overview and make a contribution to the University's strategic development.	E	A/I

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Essential	Business and commerce	E	A/I
	Education and Training	E	A/I
	Finance and Audit	E	A/I
	Estates and Property Development	D	A/I
	Strategic oversight of IT including digital transformation programmes	E	A/I
Desirable	Arts and culture	D	A
	Health, social care and wellbeing including sport/physical activity	D	A
	Human Resources and Organisational Development	D	A
	International Business	D	A
	Legal	D	A
	Local Government	D	A
	Manufacturing	D	A
	Marketing/PR/Communications	D	A
	Other governing body/External representation	D	A
	Research	D	A

	Private	D	A
	Voluntary	D	A
	Public	D	A
	Other activities relevant to the University's strategic ambitions	D	A

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	Public	D	A
	Other activities relevant to the University's strategic ambitions	D	A