

Expressions of Interest: University Academic Champion for Women in Entrepreneurship

I am inviting expressions of interest for the role of University Academic Champion for Women in Entrepreneurship. I would be grateful if you would draw this opportunity to the attention of academic colleagues who may have suitable experience or an interest in this area.

This role will be the strategic academic lead on supporting and increasing diversity in entrepreneurship (specifically for students and early career researchers). It represents an outstanding opportunity for a member of academic staff to play an influential and highly-visible role developing and implementing strategy, and action to enhance the entrepreneurship environment at Oxford. The role will provide the right candidate with experience of academic leadership at institutional level and the chance to make a difference to future provision and support for entrepreneurship.

The University Academic Champion for Women in Entrepreneurship will work with key senior colleagues across the University (as well as OUI and OSE), and in close consultation with the IDEA (Increasing Diversity in Enterprising Activities) Advisory Group, the EnSpire Oxford (EO) Advisory Group, and Innovation Forum to:

- advocate at a senior level to help inspire, develop and support women interested in or already involved in entrepreneurship in the University;
- advise on and advocate for the IDEA programme at a senior level, encouraging discussion and feedback on topics such as inclusion, incentivisation of entrepreneurial activities; and
- support the development of the IDEA initiatives across the University, and guide annual reporting (including metrics and targets) of University and University-related entrepreneurial activities.

The role will be supported by staff based in Research Services and will involve collaboration with areas in the collegiate University involved in supporting entrepreneurship (including EnSpire Oxford).

The appointed candidate will be expected to dedicate approximately 2 days per month to the role. There is the possibility of personal allowance which will be discussed with the department of the preferred candidate. **Candidates should establish that they have the support in principle from their Head of Department, and agreement for allowing an appropriate time allocation to the role, before applying.**

The appointment would last for 2 years in the first instance, with possibility of renewal.

To be considered for this position, please send a letter setting out the reasons for your interest in this role; your experience of entrepreneurship to date; and why you feel you would be suitable for this appointment, by Monday 19 February 2024 5pm, to Leah Thompson (leah.thompson@admin.ox.ac.uk) Shortlisted candidates will meet with the panel on 1 or 4 March 2024.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions or comments.

For more information about IDEA, visit <https://enspire.ox.ac.uk/idea>