

JOB DESCRIPTION Executive Assistant Vacancy Ref: N1880

Job Title: Executive Assistant

Present Grade: 6S

Department/College: The Dean's Office, Lancaster University Management School

Directly responsible to: External Accreditation and Projects Manager

Supervisory responsibility for: Administrative Assistant, Senior Administrative Officer

Other contacts:

Internal: Colleagues and senior team in the Management School and wider University; The Vice-Chancellor's Office; Professional Services teams

External: Government Offices; HEFCE; The Department for Business, Education and Skills; Research Councils; Other Universities; Accrediting bodies, HE Institutions and Colleges; Publishers; Media; Journalists; Dean's Council; Public and Private organisations; Academic colleagues; Students and alumni

Major Duties:

The post holder will act as Executive Assistant to the Dean and the senior management team, providing comprehensive professional support for school-wide initiatives.

- 1. To provide a high level of advisory and administrative support to the Dean in relation to interconnecting strategic initiatives, external relations activities, communications, and conference organisation.
- 2. To supervise the administration of the Dean's diary and associated requirements (performed by the Dean's Administrative Assistant), ensuring fluidity and connectivity.
- 3. To take a senior governance role within the School, acting as Committee Secretary for a number for the School's major groups, providing an information flow into and out of whilst taking responsibility for the onward management of appropriate items
- 4. Initiate, plan and participate in any associated events / away days, working with the Dean to agree the agenda and associated requirements.
- 5. To provide high level support around the management and resourcing of new and ongoing strategic initiatives (ie the Annual Planning Process), working with the senior leadership team
- 6. To line-manage the Dean's Office Administrative Assistant and the Senior Administrative Officer, ensuring an effective support function for the Dean's Office and senior leadership team.
- 7. Complete an effective recruitment and induction process for all new colleagues into the Dean's office.
- 8. To regularly communicate with all internal and external contacts and give advice to senior colleagues regarding protocol, liaising with the central University teams as required.
- 9. To provide management reports and presentations as required.
- 10. Ensure the smooth running of all School level meetings, on behalf of the Dean.
- 11. In liaison with the Faculty Resource Manager, Departments, HR and the VC's office, co-ordinate the recruitment process for academic and professional appointments.

- 12. To liaise with the LUMS Finance Office in relation to financial administration of the Central School, including budgeting, purchasing etc.
- 13. To execute any other duties as appropriate to the grade.