Chief Academic Officer
Welcome
Thank you for your interest in becoming our first Chief Academic Officer.

As CEO, I am delighted you want to learn more about our truly distinctive higher education institution. Inspired by our co-founders the Class of 92’ and with character and personal development built into our DNA, UA92 delivers a high-quality learning experience. With our co-founders Lancaster University awarding our degrees, working alongside our industry leading partners, we ensure that all our students are fully prepared for the career of their dreams.

It’s an incredibly exciting time to join the team at UA92. From opening our doors in September 2019 and welcoming our first cohort of students, UA92 continues to go from strength to strength. We’re proud to have received high praise for our innovative offer by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, and recently we achieved Office for Students registration. We’ve built a solid foundation upon which we’re now ready to grow and fulfil big ambitions.

This pack, alongside the role description and role profile, is designed to give you a brief insight into UA92, as well as what we are looking for in our first Chief Academic Officer. If you think you have the energy and zeal to work collaboratively with a dedicated board, shareholders, and ambitious team, then I’d like to hear from you.

This is a unique opportunity to play your part in building a truly pioneering institution dedicated to delivering a life transforming learning and student experience. I look forward to welcoming your application.

Sara Prowse
CEO
OUR VALUES

We believe in “the power of you.” That fire, grit and determination matter much more than talent alone. Life is what you make it. If you want it and work for it, anything is possible.

Our values provide the answer to the question: “Are you UA92?” They’re beliefs shared by our whole community: students, staff and partners alike. They’re a constant, guiding development of our culture, the way we operate and the decisions we take individually and collectively.

ONE TEAM
Communicating clearly and forming strong relationships to achieve big ambitions together.

BOLD
Challenging the status quo and daring to be different.

INCLUSIVE
Embracing diversity, providing everyone with opportunities and supporting them to succeed.

RESILIENT
Working hard and persevering relentlessly to realise goals and dreams.

AGILE
Responsive to challenges and opportunities, reflecting and always learning.
OUR VISION
MORE THAN A DEGREE, THIS IS PREPARATION FOR LIFE.

Learning for the Real World
At UA92, we believe in giving our students the tools, challenges, support and confidence to become their best selves and achieve their dreams. Alongside academic studies, our students embark on a personal development journey to prepare them to reach their full potential and for the world of work.

The UA92 Difference
Universities have traditionally placed academic learning at the core of the curriculum, supported by employability for the world of work. By comparison, UA92 will ensure academic learning is intrinsically linked to our distinctive experience, which places character development and employability at the core of what we do.

“One of the reasons we’ve connected with UA92 is to develop the talent we need. We want graduates who have developed as people, and join us with the passion, drive, resilience and commitment to hit the ground running.”
Derrick McCourt
General Manager, Customer Success at Microsoft UK
OUR PHILOSOPHY

WE BELIEVE IN DELIVERING AN EDUCATION THAT’S SO MUCH MORE THAN A QUALIFICATION.

Believing in Better
There’s more to success than timing and talent. Here at UA92, we believe that tenacity, preparedness, passion and hard work play an equally important role. Add commitment, inner fire and the right preparation, and you can compete at a level far beyond your inborn potential – delivering the presentation of a lifetime, performing in front of the camera, or chairing the board.

Unlocking Greatness
We’ve created a unique approach to learning. UA92’s Character and Personal Development optimises emotional, social and physical intelligence to realise personal excellence. It’s preparation for life at the highest level.

Sharing Knowledge
No personal development journey is complete without building a love of learning, and developing the knowledge you need to succeed. As well as supporting your personal growth, you’ll also develop the state-of-the-art knowledge and skills crucial to future leaders in sport, media, business and computer science.
We put character and personal development at the core of our students’ learning experience with a strong emphasis on work ethic. Our students develop their resilience and ability to solve problems and face challenges.

Every student will have a personal development coach. Students meet their coach on a regular basis and will develop a portfolio that will capture their development journey and preparation for future employment.
CO-DESIGNED BY INDUSTRY LEADERS

UA92 is proud to work with the brightest and best in business, education and the public sector. Leading industry partners have teamed up with UA92 to develop the future talent they’re hoping to employ.

Our partners are integral to the UA92 experience. They co-develop our curriculum, offer placements, run industry insight days and deliver guest lectures and masterclasses.
MANCHESTER
A CITY LIKE NO OTHER.

A city of culture, sport, media, history and diversity.

Oasis, Take That, The Courteeners, Bugzy Malone, Blossoms, The Stone Roses and The 1975. Yes, we’re name-dropping. But many of the UK’s best musicians and bands have originated from Manchester. There’s always something new to discover.

MediaCityUK is the largest purpose-built media location in Europe, home to over 8,000 digital and creative businesses. The internationally renowned Manchester Science Partnerships is home to over 170 companies in the life science, biotechnology, ICT, digital and creative sectors.

Manchester has the largest UK office market outside London, and is said to be the most affordable city in Europe.

UA92 is proud to call Manchester our home.
Our campus is just minutes from Manchester United’s Theatre of Dreams, and we’re right next to the Emirates Old Trafford Cricket Ground.

Trafford is home to some fantastic local facilities. As a borough, it is committed to improving physical activity levels and has recently pledged in excess of £24m to build new leisure facilities. This will see Trafford become a national beacon for education, sport and leisure.

Trafford and the surrounding areas have some of the highest-performing schools in the country, plus a well-established general further education college. So, we won’t be short of local talent to attract!
To apply for the position of Chief Academic Officer at UA92, please submit a full CV and cover letter to people@ua92.ac.uk by no later than 23:59 on Sunday 20th June 2021. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

Cover letters should not exceed more than 4 sides of A4. Your cover letter should state why you’re interested in this position and why you’re interested in working for UA92. You should also address the criteria in the person profile, giving examples as evidence.

Please note that first stage interviews will be conducted on either 29th or 30th June and second stage interviews will be conducted on 15th July. Both will take place at UA92’s campus in Old Trafford.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange an informal conversation about this role and opportunity, please contact: Dr Bilal Mohammed, Director of People at UA92 on bilal.mohammed@ua92.ac.uk