# Principal Research Fellow

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# Job Advert

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As a Principal Research Fellow, you will lead and manage a large and varied team/s in the development and delivery of research programmes with national and international impact, disseminating results through regular and sustained publications in high impact journals, books and conference proceedings. You will lead, as Principal- or Co-Investigator, the development and submission of proposals to appropriate external bodies for research funding of substantial value, manage grants awarded and guide other team members in establishing their own leadership in this area. You will manage a range of research teams as overall group leader, providing leadership, support and guidance to colleagues and co-ordinating the input of others in establishing future directions for research activities. You will generate new research approaches with significant impact at a national and international level and identify, adapt, devise and use appropriate research methodologies and techniques. You will lead and develop national and international networks of researchers and leading thinkers in the field to foster research collaborations, to identify and deliver common research objectives and to generate income. You will lead the development of knowledge exchange activities by, for example, establishing research links with industry and influencing public policy and the professions, and support and guide other team members establishing their own leadership in this area. You will contribute to teaching and student supervision at all levels, playing a lead role in ensuring that research advances inform departmental teaching effort and you will carry out Department/School, Faculty and/or University senior administrative and management functions, for example by undertaking a management role within a Department/School and/or convening and participating in relevant committees (including at a University-wide level). You will play a leading role in the strategic development of the Department/School through, for example, developing new research strategies and/or groups and by anticipating and planning for new directions for themselves and research teams and you will engage in continuous professional development.

To be considered for the role, you will be educated to a minimum of PhD level in an appropriate discipline, or have significant relevant experience in addition to a relevant degree. You will have research interests consistent with the strategic direction of the Department/School/Faculty/University, an established national and emerging international reputation which is confirmed by independent external experts in your field, and a sustained and outstanding track record of published research in high quality publications. You will have an extensive track record of securing research funding of substantial value and managing research projects. You will have experience of managing large research programmes and varied research teams, with the ability to build a nationally/internationally leading research group. You will have teaching experience at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including student assessment activities and an ability to make a strategic contribution and play a senior and leading role within a team environment. You will have proven staff, budget and project management skills and excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to listen, engage and persuade, and to present complex information in an accessible way to a range of audiences.

Whilst not essential for the role, applications are welcomed from candidates with: membership of relevant Chartered/professional bodies (including the Higher Education Academy), a track record of multi/inter-disciplinary research collaborations and developing external partnerships, a track record in knowledge exchange related activities and established links with industry, learned societies, government and/or relevant Chartered/professional bodies.

# Job Description

## **Brief Outline of Job:**

To lead a large and varied team/s in the development and delivery of research programmes with national and international impact; to disseminate research results through regular and sustained publications with national and growing international impact; to lead professional and knowledge exchange activities, including substantial contributions to the discipline at national/international levels; to contribute to teaching and student supervision at all levels; and to carry out senior administrative tasks assigned by the Head of Department/School or Dean.

## Main Activities/Responsibilities:

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| 1. | Lead and manage a large and varied team/s in the development and delivery of research programmes with national and international impact, disseminating results through regular and sustained publications in high impact journals, books and conference proceedings. |
| 2. | Lead, as Principal- or Co-Investigator, the development and submission of proposals to appropriate external bodies for research funding of substantial value, manage grants awarded and guide other team members establishing their own leadership in this area. |
| 3. | Manage a range of research teams as overall group leader, providing leadership, support and guidance to colleagues and co-ordinating the input of others in establishing future directions for research activities. |
| 4. | Generate new research approaches with significant impact at a national and international level and identify, adapt, devise and use appropriate research methodologies and techniques. |
| 5. | Lead and develop national and international networks of researchers and leading thinkers in the field to foster research collaborations, to identify and deliver common research objectives and to generate income. |
| 6. | Lead the development of knowledge exchange activities by, for example, establishing research links with industry and influencing public policy and the professions, and support and guide other team members establishing their own leadership in this area. |
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| 9. | Play a leading role in the strategic development of the Department/School through, for example, developing new research strategies and/or groups and by anticipating and planning for new directions for themselves and research teams. |
| 10. | Engage in continuous professional development. |

# Person Specification

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| **Educational and/or Professional Qualifications** (E=Essential, i.e. a candidate must meet all essential criteria to be considered for selection, D=Desirable) | **Essential/ Desirable** | **Assessment Method** |
| Good honours degree and PhD (or, exceptionally, equivalent professional experience) in an appropriate discipline. | Essential | Application/CV |
| Membership of relevant Chartered/professional bodies (including the Higher Education Academy). | Desirable | Application/CV |
| **Experience** |  |  |
| Extensive track record of securing research funding of substantial value and managing research projects. | Essential | App/CV/ Interview |
| Teaching experience at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including student assessment activities. | Essential | App/CV/ Interview |
| Experience of managing large research programmes and varied research teams, with ability to build a nationally/internationally leading research group. | Essential | App/CV/ Interview |
| Track record of multi/inter-disciplinary research collaborations and developing external partnerships. | Desirable | App/CV/ Interview |
| Track record in knowledge exchange related activities. | Desirable | App/CV/ Interview |
| **Job Related Skills and Achievements** |  |  |
| An established national and emerging international reputation which is confirmed by independent external experts in the field. | Essential | App/CV/ Interview/ References |
| Research interests consistent with the strategic direction of the Department/School/ Faculty/ University. | Essential | App/CV/ Interview |
| A sustained and outstanding track record of published research in high quality publications | Essential | App/CV/ Interview |
| Ability to make a strategic contribution and play a senior and leading role within a team environment. | Essential | App/CV/ Interview |
| Proven staff, budget and project management skills. | Essential | App/CV/ Interview |
| Established links with industry, learned societies, government and/or relevant Chartered/professional bodies. | Desirable | App/CV/ Interview |
| **Personal Attributes** |  |  |
| Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, with the ability to listen, engage and persuade, and to present complex information in an accessible way to a range of audiences. | Essential | App/CV/ Interview |

# Application Procedure

(HR use only)

Applicants should visit Strathclyde’s vacancies portal and complete an online application form including the name of two/three referees who will be contacted without further permission, unless you indicate you would prefer otherwise. Applicants should also submit a Curriculum Vitae and a covering letter detailing the knowledge, skills and experience you think make you the right candidate for the job [delete as appropriate] as well as a Research Plan outlining your research strategy for the next 5 years. Applicants should also complete the Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form.

University of Strathclyde encourages the recruitment of disabled and neurodivergent candidates. If you need any reasonable adjustments during the recruitment process, please let us know. You are welcome to submit a paper application or a CV instead of the online application form by contacting us at [humanresources@strath.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@strath.ac.uk).

# Interviews

Formal interviews for this post will be held on Enter an interview date.

The University is a Disability Confident Employer and operates a guaranteed interview scheme for disabled candidates who meet all the essential criteria for the post that they are applying for.

# Other Information

Further information on the application process and working at Strathclyde can be found on our website (<http://www.strath.ac.uk/hr/workforus>).

Informal enquiries about the post can be directed to Enter contact name, Enter contact job title (Enter contact email/phone details.).

# Conditions of Employment

Conditions of employment relating to the Choose a Staff Category. staff category can be found at: [Conditions of Employment](http://www.strath.ac.uk/hr/careerpathways/informationtermsconditions/).

# Rewards and Benefits

Our comprehensive benefits package, including generous annual leave, family-friendly benefits, flexible work options, and a commitment to continuous learning, reflects our appreciation for the valuable contributions of our colleagues.

We understand that each staff member has unique priorities and lifestyles, so our diverse benefits ensure there is something for everyone, details of which can be found on our [Rewards and Benefits webpage](https://www.strath.ac.uk/workwithus/vacancies/rewardsbenefits/).

* **Financial Rewards:** We provide attractive financial packages, including competitive salaries, relocation support for employees and a generous pension scheme, with university contributions of 14.5% for USS and 6.5% for LGPS.
* **Work-Life Balance:** We are dedicated to enhancing healthy work-life balance for our employees. We offer generous annual leave, an additional annual leave purchase option, flexible and agile work arrangements.
  + Annual Leave: Generous entitlement of 27 days (Grade 5 and below) or 31 days (Grade 6 and above), in addition to 11 public holidays and University closure days.
  + Additional annual leave purchase: Option to request purchase of 2 weeks’ additional annual leave per year.
  + Flexible and agile working: The University provides flexible work arrangements. You can request arrangements that fit you and your role, such as hybrid, part-time, compressed hours, term-time, adjusted shifts, staggered hours. These requests can be made from the first day of your employment.
* **Family Friendly Benefits:** We offer a variety of enhanced family-friendly benefits to support our employees in balancing work and family responsibilities. These include Maternity Leave, Paternity/Maternity Support, Adoption Leave, Shared Parental Leave, Parental Leave, Carers Leave and support, Family Friendly Research & Scholarship Leave, and access to our on-campus nursery.
* **Career Development:** Our commitment to personal development is reflected in initiatives such as professional courses, subsidised educational programs, coaching and mentoring, leadership development, secondment opportunities, and access to our library.
* **Health & Wellbeing:** We place high importance on the safety, wellbeing, and health of all our staff and offer discounted Strathclyde Sport membership, an Employee Assistance Programme (EAP), Occupational Health Service, and Cycle to Work scheme.
* **Recognition Awards:** At Strathclyde, we place a strong emphasis on acknowledging and rewarding our staff’s commitment and exceptional contributions. This is demonstrated through our Long-Service Awards and our Values-based Strathclyde Medals.

# PVG Check

This position involves regulated work, making it a legislative requirement that the successful candidate becomes a member of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme. If appointed, employment with the University will not be confirmed until membership of the Scheme has been received. The successful applicant will be precluded from working with protected groups until that time.

# **Basic Disclosure**

This role requires the satisfactory outcome of a Basic Disclosure Scotland Check. The successful applicant will be asked to carry out a Basic Disclosure Scotland Check. Whether an outcome is satisfactory will be determined by the University.

# Pre-employment health screening

An offer of appointment will be subject to a medical assessment by Occupational Health. An individual who accepts an offer of employment must complete a confidential medical questionnaire and forward it to the Occupational Health Nurse within 5 days of receipt. If further information is required, the individual may be contacted by the OHN or a Medical Advisor and a personal appointment with the individual may be arranged. An unconditional contract of employment will not be issued until Human Resources receives confirmation that applicant is fit to undertake the duties of the post.

# Probation

Where applicable, the successful applicant will be required to serve a Select a period. probationary period.

# Pension

The successful applicant will be eligible to join Choose an item. Further information regarding this scheme is available from [Payroll and Pensions](http://www.strath.ac.uk/finance/financialservices/pensions/).

# Relocation

Where applicable, the University offers a relocation package to support new employees who meet the eligibility criteria. The relocation package is offered as a contribution towards costs incurred, and is designed to be flexible, allowing staff to use the financial support available in the way that will be most helpful to them. Further details are outlined in the [Relocation Policy](https://www.strath.ac.uk/media/ps/humanresources/policies/Relocation_Policy.pdf).

# Equality and Diversity

The University of Strathclyde is a socially progressive institution that strives to ensure equality of opportunity and celebrates the diversity of its student and staff community.  Strathclyde is people-oriented and collaborative, offering a supportive and flexible working culture with a deep commitment to our [equality, diversity and inclusion charters, initiatives, groups and networks](https://www.strath.ac.uk/professionalservices/accessequalityinclusionservice/equalitydiversity/).

We strongly encourage applications from Black, Asian and minority ethnicity, women, LGBT+, disabled candidates and candidates from lower socio-economic groups and care-experienced backgrounds.

The University currently holds an Athena Swan **Silver award**, recognising our commitment to advancing women's careers in science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine (STEMM) employment in academia.

# University Values

The University’s Values capture what we’re all about: who we are, what we believe in and what we stand for. [Our Values](https://www.strath.ac.uk/whystrathclyde/values/) have been derived from how we act and how we expect to be treated as part of Strathclyde.

In delivering **our People Strategy**, we will contribute, act, and make decisions guided by these values.

* **People-oriented:** committed to our staff and students, providing opportunities, and investing in their development.
* **Bold:** confident and challenging in what we do, and supportive of embracing appropriate and managed risk in our decision-making.
* **Innovative:** focused on discovering and applying knowledge with impact and encouraging creative thinking and new ideas.
* **Collaborative:** working together, with our colleagues and external partners, with integrity and in an open, respectful way.
* **Ambitious:** for our institution, staff and students as well as supporting the ambitions of our partners.

