

Job Description

Staffordshire University Services Ltd

General Details

Job title:	Project & Portfolio Officer - SDIP
School/Service:	Research, Innovation and Impact Services (RIIS)
Normal Workbase:	Stoke Campus
Tenure:	Fixed term until March 2022
Hours/FTE:	37 hours per week/1.0 FTE
Grade/Salary:	Grade 6
Date Prepared:	September 2020

Job Purpose

The Project and Portfolio Officer is responsible for the facilitation and delivery of a portfolio of research and enterprise projects. Working in collaboration with academic project leads, the post holder ensures that realistic project plans are developed and maintained and that regular and accurate communication is provided to the project lead, partners and stakeholders. The post holder identifies, assesses and manages risks to ensure the successful delivery of projects and takes appropriate action where performance deviates from agreed tolerances. The post holder ensures that project deliverables are completed within agreed cost, timescale and resource budgets, and are signed off.

Relationships

Reporting to:	Programme Manager -SDIPs
Responsible for:	N/A
Other Key Internal Relationships:	Academic Project Leads Research Development and Funding Managers Finance Business Partners

Main Activities

- Define the scope of projects in collaboration with academic project leads.
- Create detailed work plans which identifies and sequences the activities needed to successfully complete projects.
- Determine the resources (time, money, equipment, etc.) required to complete projects.
- Develop project plans that effectively allocates resources to activities.
- Create appropriate forms and records to document project activities in accordance with the University's project management framework and ERDF requirements.

- Set up and maintain files to ensure that all project information is appropriately documented and secured.
- Monitor the progress of projects and make adjustments as necessary to ensure the successful completion of projects.
- Establish and maintain a communication plan for projects to update stakeholders including appropriate staff in the organization on the progress of the project and following ESIF publicity requirements.
- Provide regular project progress reports to academic project leads, partners and stakeholders.
- Support the compilation and completion of any necessary returns and reports.
- Communicate regularly with funders as outlined in funding agreements.
- Work collaboratively with Finance to monitor all budgeted project expenditures and ensure defrayal of eligible expenditure.
- Ensure that all financial records for projects are up to date and retained in accordance with ERDF document retention requirements.
- Undertake project close-out procedures as documented in the University's project management framework.
- Record and evaluate the outputs and outcomes of projects in line with ERDF contractual requirements.
- Facilitate any internal or external review or evaluation of projects.
- To support knowledge exchange and research impact related activities
- The role holder is required to minimise environmental impact in the performance of their role and to actively contribute to the delivery of the University's Environmental Sustainability Policy
- To undertake other such responsibilities as may reasonably be required.

Special Conditions

To be committed to working with the University to further improve the carbon footprint/environmental issues. This post is part funded by the European Structural and Investment Funds through the European Regional Development Fund.

Variation to Job Description

The employer reserves the right to vary the duties and responsibilities of its employees within the general conditions of the Scheme of pay and conditions and employment related matters. Thus it must be appreciated that the duties and responsibilities outlined above may be altered as the changing needs of the service may require.

Conditions of Service

If you are successful in being appointed to a professional support role at Grades 1-6, you will be employed by Staffordshire University Services Limited (SUS Ltd).

Staffordshire University Services Limited (SUS Ltd) is a wholly owned subsidiary company of Staffordshire University which provides professional support staff to undertake various roles and responsibilities associated with grades 1 to 6 on the Staffordshire University pay scale. You'll work alongside, and under the direction of colleagues, within the University's Schools and Services in the delivery of our University Plan and supporting KPIs. You will be subject to Staffordshire University's policies and procedures and will be eligible to participate in the Staffordshire University Services Limited (SUS Ltd) Pension Scheme.

Application Procedure

We encourage you to apply on-line at our website <http://jobs.staffs.ac.uk> as the system is user friendly and simple to complete.

We would ask all applicants to ensure that they have provided comprehensive information under each criteria in the Supporting Statements section of the application form and, if necessary, add any relevant additional information in the Additional Information Section.