

Job Description

General Details

Job title: Head of Digital Pedagogies

School/Service: Academic Development Unit

Normal Workbase: Stoke

Tenure: Permanent

Hours/FTE: 1.0 FTE

Grade/Salary: Grade 9

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Job Purpose

- Lead and implement the University's pedagogic development for digital learning, encompassing flexible and online learning, simulation and immersive learning.
- Build capacity in staff academic development to deliver effective online and immersive learning across the University's portfolio of courses.
- Support academic Schools to innovate their digital learning offer
- Work closely with Digital Services and Estates to maximise the development and use of pedagogic spaces and technologies
- Lead and manage the successful delivery of online distance courses with the University's collaborative partners.

Relationships

Reporting to: Director of Learning and Teaching

Responsible for:

Main Activities

- Lead and implement the University's development plan for online, mixed-mode simulation and immersive learning.
- Identify the staff development support requirements for delivery of new online, flexible and immersive courses, working with academic staff in Schools. This will include developing services and roles, where agreed.
- Lead development of successful and innovative pedagogic models for online, mixed-mode, simulation and immersive learning courses.
- Build University capacity to accelerate development of online, mixed modes, simulation and immersive learning by 2023.
- Act as a champion and advocate for flexible study across the University, by keeping abreast of sector developments both within and external to the university.
- Act as the University's lead for online, flexible and immersive learning pedagogies with our collaborative partners.
- Work with the Students' Union and Associate Deans for Students to embed student voice in the School's

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digital developments.

- Work with relevant staff within the University to deliver digital literacy to all students.
- Ensure that knowledge is fully up to date by actively engaging in continuous professional development and scholarly activity appropriate to the post, using the knowledge acquired to further develop teaching and external activities.
- Actively develop and maintain a national and international network of fellow professionals and manage
 the promotion of the subject area to relevant professional bodies, for example, may be called upon to
 provide professional and expert advice by external organisations.
- To lead and/or contribute to the development of research and/or commercial activity
- To undertake scholarly and research activity which will enhance the University's reputation, and to enable
 others to pursue activities in those areas, for example leading peer-reviewed publications or conference
 events, delivery of knowledge transfer projects.
- Work closely with Digital Services and Estates to maximise the development and use of pedagogic spaces and technologies
- 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

The role holder will be required to travel between sites from time to time in a cost effective manner, which may be through the use of a car.

Variation to Job Description

Staffordshire University 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

The post is subject to such terms and conditions of employment as negotiated between the Board of Governors of the University and the recognised trade unions, and/or the employees of the University. In negotiating such terms and conditions the Board of Governors will consider any appropriate advice received from the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA).

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.

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