JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:  Knowledge Exchange Manager – Life Sciences
Department / Unit:  Research and Innovation
Grade:  RHUL 8
Accountable to:  Head of Knowledge Exchange and Enterprise
Accountable for:  N/A

Purpose of the Post

The Knowledge Exchange Manager – Life Sciences will play a lead role in building and developing relationships with stakeholders both internally and externally to the College. S/he will work closely with leading academics to raise the profile of research and innovation expertise, facilities and outputs.

The post holder will engage with a wide range of partners in relevant sectors and departments both internally and externally to:

(i) Initiate, facilitate and support the development of new partnerships;
(ii) Lead and facilitate collaborative activities in support of enterprise/innovation goals, and socio-economic impact acceleration and generation
(iii) increase income generation associated with innovation and enterprise activities;
(iv) maximise engagement with specified R&D facilities and infrastructure;
(v) accelerate research impact opportunities.

The post holder will develop and manage links with external organisations to promote positive relationships, collaboration opportunities, research and development (R&D), and support and coordinate the commercial exploitation of intellectual property to generate impact, either financial or socio-economic.

Working closely with academic staff, the post holder will identify collaborative R&D research, contract research, consultancy, and impact opportunities, and provide sector/stakeholder focused specialist advice and support to maximise successful outcomes.

Key Tasks

1. Lead and develop links with key external organisations in target and priority sector(s) and promote the expertise of relevant academics and research groups/Departments and Schools to develop opportunities for innovation and impact. The postholder will support a targeted portfolio aligned with the Colleges emerging Innovation Enterprise Institutes, and help to grow innovation and impact through the provision of specialist advice and
guidance, and leadership of agreed initiatives to secure knowledge exchange, and generate commercial income streams.

2. Identify, develop and deliver strategic impact acceleration opportunities (engagement, schemes, activities, events and use of facilities) based on Royal Holloway's research and enterprise strategies, promoting and enriching contacts between researchers and external organisations to develop new and innovative partnerships that will deliver high quality impact from excellent research.

3. To develop expertise in targeted sector(s) and support Royal Holloway’s academics by providing specialist insights into the needs and priorities of those sectors to help inform and focus partnership development, knowledge exchange, and innovation activities.

4. As a stakeholder engagement, knowledge exchange and innovation specialist, work with (i) academic staff across the College (in areas aligned with target sector/s); (ii), College senior management; (iii) within the Knowledge Exchange and Enterprise team. Working closely with these colleagues, provide specialist advance and guidance to help devise and monitor strategies for knowledge exchange and impact acceleration, demonstrating an innovative and entrepreneurial attitude and championing new and agile ways of working.

5. Identify opportunities for new innovation, knowledge exchange and impact generation activities, and maximising opportunities under targeted innovation/impact related funding streams. Work closely with relevant PIs to provide specialist advice, guidance and insight to help maximise income and impact generation.

6. Working closely with the Research Contracts Team, provide support for the set-up of relevant contracts, to ensure appropriate IP and/or contracts are secured for Knowledge Exchange activities, providing advice and insights on any commercial arrangements and supporting relationships with external partner(s) when appropriate. Taking a lead role in securing and maintaining productive relationships with commercial partners and stakeholders in support of technology transfer and knowledge exchange activities.

7. Ensuring academic staff in the Departments are aware of potential funding opportunities to support innovation, knowledge exchange and impact acceleration activities in agreed role specific target areas. This will include, but is not limited to, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) impact related and follow-on funding. Provide specialist advice for such proposals, including support and input for the development of high quality commercial, impact and business plans.

8. Any other such duties as may be assigned by their line manager that are commensurate with the grade of the post.

As the needs of the College adapt and change to respond to external ecosystems; so the above job profile, duties and location of the role within the College will be adjusted accordingly.

Other Duties

The duties listed are not exhaustive and may be varied from time to time as dictated by the changing needs of the College. The post holder will be expected to undertake other duties as appropriate and as requested by his/her manager.
The post holder may be required to work at any of the locations at which the business of Royal Holloway is conducted.