Candidate information

We are looking for an outstanding individual who has the determination to develop the Medway School of Pharmacy into one of the country's leading Schools of Pharmacy. The successful candidate will be ready to contribute to planning and delivering the forward direction and strategic ambitions of the School of Pharmacy. In return, we can offer the opportunity to work in a successful and growing internationally focused School, playing a key role in influencing its direction, achievement and reputation.

The Medway School of Pharmacy

The Medway School of Pharmacy is a collaborative project run jointly by the Universities of Greenwich and Kent. The School's mission is to produce, through high quality teaching and research delivered in a supportive and nurturing environment, sought after professional graduates in Pharmacy. The School also is expected to deliver internationally leading research in pharmacy and related fields. The School currently comprises some 45 academic staff, with a further 25 administrative and technical staff.

The Universities of Greenwich and Kent

The Universities of Greenwich and Kent aim to provide high-quality education coupled with excellent research and enterprise programmes for international, national, regional and local communities. We are focused on expanding opportunities for students of all ages and many backgrounds; providing programmes with a clear emphasis on excellence. Both Universities are strongly committed to the future of the Medway School of Pharmacy and see the role of Head of School as a critical one in taking the School forward.

The Faculty of Engineering and Science

Within the University of Greenwich, the School of Pharmacy sits with the Faculty of Engineering and Science, which is located in Chatham Maritime in Kent. The Faculty's academic provision includes civil, mechanical, chemical and electrical and electronic engineering. In addition, the Faculty also offers chemistry, biology, nutrition and forensic science programmes all at BSc, MSc and PhD levels. The Faculty is home to the internationally acclaimed Natural Resources Institute (NRI), a research focused organisation which undertakes work in the fields of agriculture, climate change and food production, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. The Faculty, including NRI, contract over £12m of new research annually. Further details about the Faculty of Engineering and Science can be found at http://www.gre.ac.uk/engsci.

The position of the Head of the School of Pharmacy

We are seeking to appoint an outstanding individual to lead the School of Pharmacy. We are looking for a candidate who will provide informed and inspiring leadership as well as clear strategic direction to the School. The successful candidate is likely to already be a Professor who can also demonstrate the attributes of outstanding academic leadership. The Head of School is a key academic leadership position within the University. Responsible to, and line managed by, the Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Engineering and Science at the University of Greenwich, with indirect line management by the Dean of Physical Sciences at the University of Kent. The Head of School has formal responsibility for leading and managing the academic business of the School in relation to both strategic and operational matters. The post holder will play a leading role in: the formulation of academic strategy, policy and planning at School level; providing academic leadership within the Universities and the School to further develop and support pharmacy, pharmacology and related education and research, ensuring that appropriate strategies, personnel and resources are in place to support the delivery.

The post holder will need to be able to deliver in a rapidly changing environment at Faculty, University and HE sector levels. The appropriate candidate will work in partnership with Faculty Management Teams within the Universities of Greenwich and Kent and with senior staff in the School to carry out this role effectively.

The appropriate candidate will have an international reputation, based on an extensive track record of high quality research and a recognised contribution to a relevant discipline through teaching and professional activities.

Within the context of wider strategic and operational plans of the Faculty and University, the post holder will be responsible for implementing plans at School level and will have significant responsibility for staff line management, including workload management; and all aspects of staff development.

The appropriate candidate will have a key role in the delivery of research and teaching excellence; innovation, quality of student experience; the wider business of the Faculty and University and in staff performance.

The post combines being Head of School with a substantive personal professorship. The Head of School role will be of 3 years' duration in the first instance, with a possibility of a further 3 years' extension.

Application Process

Candidates are invited to apply via the university website at: gre.ac.uk/jobs.

Shortlisting of candidates will be concluded by 14 September 2017 and interviews will take place on 19 October 2017.

The interview will consist of:

Presentation to School of Pharmacy

Presentation to Interview Panel on 19 October 2017

Panel Interview led by Professor Martin Snowden, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Faculty of Engineering and Science, University of Greenwich

A tour of Medway Campus will be provided for all shortlisted candidates.