

## JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Design Studio Manager & instructor	Grade:	SG6
Department:	FLAS / School of Design	Date of Job Evaluation:	October 2022
Role reports to:	School of Design Tech Team Leader		
Direct Reports	N/A		
Indirect Reports:	Employees across the University / Visitors School of Design HoS / Tech Staff, other student workers, student and staff end users		
Other Key contacts:	Academic Portfolio Leaders		

This role profile is non-contractual and provided for guidance. It will be updated and amended from time to time in accordance with the changing needs of the University and the requirements of the job.

## **PURPOSE OF ROLE:**

- To fully manage the School of Design's Stockwell Street design studios and ensure these spaces are resourced, configured and operating safely for taught classes, student open-study activities, events and exhibitions, open days, interviews etc.
- Respond proactively to short-term day-to-day needs and longer-term planning needs and in doing so develop a space that fulfils the evolving requirements of a demanding, dynamic and vibrant user base.
- Work with Facilities Management, H&S and other departments to establish safe working practices and environments.
- Plan and set up other events and exhibitions occurring in design studios with particular regard to the logistics of sustainable supply/storage/recycling of materials.
- Ensure that studio spaces are in order and in teaching condition
- Liaise with the Academic Portfolio Leads about the studio space, timetable and curricula development, summer school provision and space etc

#### **KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:**

## **Team Specific:**

- Ensure studio spaces and resources are configured and in place to support both taught sessions and self-study activities for staff, students and visitors; studio furniture, moveable walls, presentation screens, design teaching supplies, signage etc.
- Monitor / manage the use of studio spaces with respect to safe/acceptable usage and produce appropriate H&S documentation and proper code of conduct to establish and implement adequate control measures.
- Liaise with Facilities Management and other departments in the University to coordinate operations relating to wider building issues such as



security/maintenance/cleaning/building works/storage

- Maintain good relations with academic colleagues and build up an understanding of space / timetabling implications and develop procedures to best deliver, utilise and share the facility.
- Participate in planning and setting up other events such as Degree show and student exhibitions / University open days / one-off lectures, etc. which take place on the studio floor
- Deliver and organise weekly life drawing classes and other occasional demonstrations of design related techniques which can contribute to the overall learning experience of students.
- Work with Stockwell Street colleagues to explore areas of cooperation / mutual assistance relating to the University's gallery presences.
- Oversee and organise student workers in studio spaces and liaise with workshop staff.

#### Generic:

- To establish and maintain professional working relationships with colleagues within the University at all levels and with external organisations and individuals.
- To use judgement and initiative to resolve common and infrequent problems that may arise.
- To act fully in the interests of the University.

# Managing Self:

- Keep abreast of developments within the field and seek continuous improvement of own professional practice.
- Actively participate in established professional development framework activities.
- Behave in a manner which reflects the University values and creates a positive environment for work and study.
- To recognise and celebrate successes of team members and colleagues.
- To understand and promote the need to be able to respond to users in a calm and understanding manner at all times, inspiring confidence in the users to ensure their needs are understood and acted upon.
- To understand the strategies and targets of the University in changing economic climates.
- To be self-motivated, flexible and show resourcefulness when dealing with tasks.
- To be accountable for own actions and take ownership of issues as they arise.



To work to service deadlines and project timelines.

## **Core Requirements:**

- Adhere to and promote the University's policies on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Information Security;
- Ensure compliance with Health & Safety and Data Protection Legislation;
- Support and promote the University's Sustainability policies, including the Carbon Management Plan, and carry out duties in a resource efficient way, recognising the shared responsibility of minimising the university's negative environmental impacts wherever possible.
- Adhere to current legal requirements and best practice relating to digital content and accessibility, including Web Content Accessibility Guidelines when creating digital content.

# **Additional Requirements:**

• Undertake any other duties as requested by Team Leader or their line manager, commensurate with the grade.

## **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS:**

Performance indicators will be established in consultation with the Heads and Directors within the School and Faculty and GRE as part of the post-holder's annual Appraisal and Professional Development Review.

## **KEY RELATIONSHIPS (Internal & External):**

- Teaching, technical, admin and other staff users at all levels, on campus and supported remotely
- EFM, H&S, Safety Unit, Information and Library Service Support Teams, external suppliers, contractors



## PERSON SPECIFICATION

#### Essential

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# **Experience**

- Experience of operating a design / art studio or similar facility (HE or creative industries) with sound understanding of H&S related issues and studio good practice.
- Dealing and communicating effectively with staff and student users of varying levels of experience and technical competence.
- Previous participation in exhibition setups / gallery installs
- Experience in delivering short classes (e.g life drawing or studio related sessions)

### Skills

- Ability to establish and implement clear boundaries and expectations of studio use – while maintaining a reasonable balance with the needs of the user.
- Maintaining a level-headed, fair and professional response to issues arising in the studio with respect to conflict management and swift resolution.
- Producing Risk Assessment / Method Statements for activities in order to mitigate risks.
- Good knowledge of suitable art / design materials; how and what to source and how to recycle / re-use.

#### Desirable

# Experience

- Working in the Higher Education sector in a service delivery role.
- Engagement in own artisanal / designer activities
- Large format plotters / scanners / vinyl cutters

### Skills

- Operating and troubleshooting large display screens / AV presentation equipment
- Experience of working within an environmental sustainability context.
- MS Teams for remote learning / videoconferencing sessions – for self and for organising in studio sessions



- Excellent organisational and communication skills and the ability to prioritise and manage a wide and varied workload.
- Excellent understanding of Student requirements
- Ability to provide information and opinions to contribute to others' decision-making processes.
- Develop training material / demonstrations using a variety of methods and where necessary presenting that material face to face, or remotely.

### Qualifications

- Minimum BA Hons degree in a relevant fine arts / design area.
- Willing to complete a HEA and/or PGCert

# Personal attributes

 We are looking for people who can help us deliver the <u>values</u> of the University of Greenwich: Inclusive, Collaborative and Impactful

## **Qualifications**

- Educated to Postgraduate level in a relevant fine arts/design area.
- First Aid training

### Personal attributes

N/A