

Higher Education Funding Council for England Board Members

Are you someone with substantial and successful recent business or public sector experience, preferably at boardroom level? Do you want to play an important role in shaping the future of our universities?

The Secretary of State for Business Innovation & Skills invites applications for appointment to the Board of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

HEFCE distributes an annual budget of over £7 billion in public funding to some 300 universities and colleges. The Board is responsible for ensuring the HEFCE's strategies, values and standards of performance reflect the economic and academic needs of the nation, and of higher education.

We are looking for a number of new Board members with the experience and wisdom to meet these challenges with the vision to bring about change, drawing on their success in their own field. In particular we are seeking members with experience of any or all of the following: professional service, preferably accountancy, health sector, teaching intensive institutions, and in creating links between business and the HE sector.

We particularly welcome applications from under-represented groups including women, disabled people, and people from an ethnically minority background, since these groups are under-represented on the Board.

HEFCE is based in Bristol. Board members are expected to attend seven Board meetings a year, mostly at HEFCE's London offices, and to participate in additional committee work. Remuneration is £5,000 per annum, plus expenses.

Interviews will take place during mid September in London, with successful candidates being appointed for a three year term.

For further information and an application pack, please e-mail HEFCEApplications@bis.gsi.gov.uk or send a postcard giving your name, address and the reference HEFCEBoard09 to: Simon Taylor, Higher Education, N4, Moorfoot, Sheffield, S1 4PQ or by phone on 0114 2594004, closing date for application 31 July 2009.

This application form is available in alternative formats if required.



The Department for Business Innovation & Skills is committed to making appointments on merit by fair and open process, taking account of equal opportunities.