

Role Title: Research Theme Leader for the Institute of Health and Wellbeing

Responsible to: Director, Institute of Health and Wellbeing

Accountable to: Director, Institute of Health and Wellbeing

Purpose and Principal Responsibilities:

The purpose of this role is to engage, coordinate and facilitate academic colleagues from a broad range of disciplines across the University of Northampton, and external stakeholders, to develop and deliver activity that enables the Institute of Health and Wellbeing to meet its aims.

This is a developmental role, however the role holder will be expected to work with the Institute Manager to:

- Engage colleagues from across the university to form multidisciplinary teams to identify and harness opportunities for research, consultancy, social enterprise, training and postgraduate provision that will benefit the health and wellbeing of the population
- Engage with local, national and international stakeholders, at theme level through a steering group and at project level, to ensure the work of the research theme has wider relevance
- Ensure consistent and appropriate public and patient engagement at both theme and project levels
- Build the profile of the research theme, and of the Institute of Health and Wellbeing, by ensuring each project has appropriate outputs that reach their intended audiences

To facilitate this, each theme will be required to deliver

- Regular research meetings to develop, identify and harness opportunities
- 2/3 steering group meetings per academic year
- 2 lunchtime seminars per academic year (one internal and one external speaker per year)
- 1 conference or symposia per academic year

The theme leader will be supported by the core team of the Institute in the organisation and administration of these events. The core team will also:

- Maintain the database of contacts
- Maintain the web presence for the theme
- Support the development and costing of projects
- Support the delivery and monitoring of projects

The amount of time a theme leader will be required to dedicate to the role will depend on the size of the theme, but it is anticipated to be approximately 0.2fte. Sufficient time for the role will be negotiated with your line manager.

Person specification:

Theme leaders should have:

- A significant track record of research within the theme, evidenced by relevant funding awards, publications and multi/interdisciplinary collaborations
- An inter/national profile and reputation with an academic and professional network that spans the areas of research within the theme
- A commitment to innovative approaches to inter-disciplinary ways of working
- Leadership skills, including excellent communication, coordination and facilitation skills
- Energy, inspiration and aspiration