

Alan Turing Institute Board Chair

The Role

The post of Chair of the Alan Turing Institute becomes available on 01 February 2015.

The Chair will work closely with the Director of the Alan Turing Institute and chair the Alan Turing Institute Board of Directors. The Chair of the Board acts as custodian for the Alan Turing Institute's mission and objectives and is responsible for overall direction and management of the Board.

Key Responsibilities

- Work with the Director, senior management and the Board members in the development of the strategic direction and policies to deliver the Alan Turing Institute's mission, within the overall framework set out by the Joint Venture (JV) Members.
- Chair Board meetings, typically four times a year, in a way that facilitates the corporate pursuit of Alan Turing Institute's objectives and gives due consideration to the interests of all stakeholders of the Alan Turing Institute. Expected time commitment is 20 days per year.

Person Specification

An outstanding individual is sought to become Chair of the Alan Turing Institute Board; someone able to command the confidence of the relevant academic and related communities, ideally with a proven track record in industrial and commercial innovation, who can guide the development of Alan Turing Institute's economic as well as research impacts.

Essential

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- Be seen as independent in relation to the JV Members;
- Chair the Board of a substantial organisation and exercise judgement and influence across a broad spectrum of policy and high-level management issues;
- Deal with complex difficult discussions with diplomacy and resolve;
- Deal with a wide range of stakeholders at senior level, including Government, public and third sector organisations, Research bodies and Higher Education;
- Demonstrate experience of the commercial world relevant to the Alan Turing Institute;
- Understanding of research-led organisations.

They will also be able to demonstrate:

- An excellent understanding of governance and other governing body management issues;
- First rate intellectual, communication, negotiation and influencing skills.

Desirable

Some of the following attributes would be desirable:

- Experience of dealing with diverse stakeholder groups;
- Ability to represent the Alan Turing Institute and guide it towards sustainability;
- Creating and exploiting support networks for the Alan Turing Institute including fundraising;
- Experience in dealing with the media.

Conflicts of Interest

Potential candidates should be aware that the Board and all its members must avoid conflicts of interest in its work. Applicants are asked to declare any potential conflicts and to note that all members of the Board are required to declare any private, professional or commercial interests that might conflict with the interests of the Institute, or which might be perceived by others as creating a conflict of interest.

Location and Remuneration

The location of the Alan Turing Institute Board Chair is London. Expected annual salary between £16,000- £20,000. Travel and subsistence, expenses to meetings will be reimbursed. The total time commitment would be approximately 20 days per year.

Further Particulars

A further particulars document is available on request. Please contact AlanTuringInstitute@epsrc.ac.uk for details.