

Greater Manchester Further Education Innovation Programme (GMFEIP)

Job Title:

Innovator in FE Residence

Location:

Greater Manchester, United Kingdom

Salary:

Approx. £65,000 per annum depending on nature of contract

Contract Duration:

Delivery Period is 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

We would like to receive expressions of interest from a wide range of backgrounds. These roles have the potential for FT / Job Share working, and Secondment / Academic Sabbaticals, and may be open to two sequential contracts per sector, to allow different skill sets to be applied in different phases of the project.

We are seeking dynamic, collaborative and forward-thinking individuals to join our team as Innovators in Residence.

We will recruit one Innovator in Residence for each of the GM 4 Frontier Sectors, which are:

- Advanced Materials and Manufacturing
- Digital and Creative Economy
- Health and Data-Driven Medicine
- NetZero and Clean Growth

These interesting and newly created roles will play a pivotal part in shaping the future of education and industry in alignment with Greater Manchester's industrial strategy and Innovation Plan. The 4 Innovators in FE Residence will be responsible for identifying and curating the important industry trends and future skill requirements for the frontier sectors, and facilitating knowledge transfer to increase alignment of technical education in GM FE with the region's economic priorities.

We believe that this approach to collaboration between Higher Education, Further Education and Industry is highly innovative and unique in the UK, and so are looking for

creative and collaborative professionals who enjoy developing new ways of working and establishing exemplars of practice.

These important roles might be especially interesting to an experienced professional from industry who wants to 'give back' to the community and economy, or a research / academic interested in exploring how knowledge can be disseminated and practically applied in the development of a wider skills framework.

The roles present an opportunity for personal and career development, generating new insight and experiences. The experience and impact of this project could feed into wider research agendas in the chosen sector specialism, in innovation ecosystem approaches, and in the development of the future skills system

Innovator in Residence - Key Responsibilities:

PHASE 1 - DISCOVERY

1. Identify and collate emerging trends, technologies and practices, may advise on procurement of equipment and facilities relevant to their 'Frontier Sector specialism' either:
 - Advanced Materials and Manufacturing
 - Digital and Creative Economy
 - Health and Data-Driven Medicine
 - NetZero and Clean Growth

To enable this, Innovators in Residence will benefit from an Advisory Board and other strategic stakeholders who will guide and provide insight and shortcuts to intelligence gathering.

2. Identify the evolving skill sets and competencies required to thrive in each target industry, considering technological advancements, market demands, and global shifts.
3. Report to the GMFEIP Team and Advisory Board on findings and recommendations

PHASE 2 – COMPOSE AND CURATE

4. Collaborate with the GMFEIP Workforce Lead to develop a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program tailored to college teachers, aimed at enhancing their awareness, skills, and capabilities in delivering future-facing training programs to students. This may include arranging industry visits, seminars, online course modules, and other learning resources.

5. Collaborate closely with industry experts, academic institutions, government bodies, and other stakeholders to gather insights, validate findings, and ensure the relevance and effectiveness of the CPD program.

PHASE 3 – DELIVER, DIFFUSE AND REVIEW

6. Disseminate knowledge and best practices through various channels, including workshops, presentations, reports, and publications, to inform and inspire educators, students, policymakers, and industry professionals.
7. Continuously evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the CPD program, gather feedback from participants, and iterate on the programme content and delivery methods to enhance outcomes and address evolving needs.

It is our strong desire for one Innovator in Residence per sector to carry the project and intelligence through the full journey. However, we are aware that partners may find shorter secondments easier to arrange, and that different personality types may be stronger in different phases.

Innovator in Residence - Person Specification:

- Proven experience in research, analysis, and strategic planning, preferably in the context of education, innovation, or industry.
- Knowledge of their chosen 'frontier sector' including industry applications and ability to research and advise on future skill requirements.
- Excellent communication skills, with the ability to convey complex concepts and insights in a clear and engaging manner.
- A passion for innovation, lifelong learning, and driving positive change in education and industry.
- Project management skills, with the ability to prioritise tasks, meet deadlines, and collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders.
- Awareness of the Greater Manchester industrial strategy priorities and the broader socio-economic landscape.
- A bachelor's degree in a relevant field; a master's or doctoral degree is desirable.

Benefits:

- Competitive salary commensurate with experience.
- Opportunity to work at the forefront of innovation and education in collaboration with industry leaders and policymakers.

- Flexible working arrangements and a supportive, inclusive work environment.

Join us in shaping the future of education and industry in Greater Manchester! If you are a visionary thinker with a passion for innovation and a commitment to excellence, we want to hear from you. Apply now to become an Innovator in Residence and make a meaningful impact on the future of our region.

Contact us:

To express interest or find out more about the roles we have available, please email teamGMFEIP@oldham.ac.uk with your details and we will be in touch.