

Committee Member Advert

<i>Job Title</i>	Medr Research and Innovation Committee: Vacancy for three independent members
<i>About Us</i>	<p>We are a new arm's length body of the Welsh Government, responsible for the strategy, funding and oversight of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further education including colleges and school sixth-forms; • higher education including research and innovation; • adult education and adult community learning; and • apprenticeships and training. <p>Operational since 1 August 2024, we work in close collaboration with our partners to enable a tertiary education and research system which is centred around the needs of learners; society; and economy with excellence, equality and engagement at its heart.</p> <p>Our values really matter to us, they help shape the culture of our organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dysgu (to learn; to teach; to educate) - learning is at the heart of everything we do. We believe curiosity fuels innovation and helps expand our horizons. • Cydweithio (to work together; to collaborate; to co-operate) - we can achieve far more together than we ever could alone. • Cynnwys Pawb (to include everyone; to involve everyone) - we are passionate about inclusion, seeking to create the right conditions for everyone to achieve their full potential. • Rhagori (to exceed; to excel) - we have high aspirations for tertiary education and research in Wales and always set high standards for ourselves to be the best we can be. <p>More information is on our website about Medr's values, vision and Strategic Plan objectives Home - Medr.</p>
<i>What you'll be doing</i>	<p>Medr (the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research) has established a Research and Innovation Committee. The Committee is responsible for advising the Medr Board on matters relating to research and innovation, including oversight of policy development, in line with Medr's strategic duties and aims, and the principles for, and allocation of, funding in support of these activities. The Committee also has responsibility for advising the Board on the sustainability of research, research culture, civic mission, and</p>

	<p>continuous improvement of the quality of research and innovation in Wales.</p> <p>We are looking for three independent members with experience of research and innovation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member who is an active Principal Investigator from a higher education institution in Wales • A member with experience of research and innovation in an industry and/or business context • A member who works as a research enabling member of staff at a tertiary education provider in Wales <p>Applications from individuals with lived experiences, or a practical application of those, would be welcome.</p> <p>All members are required to show an appreciation for bilingualism and share the Commission’s commitment to promoting the Welsh language.</p>
<p><i>About the Committee</i></p>	<p>The Committee is responsible for the oversight of Medr’s policy development in relation to research and innovation. The Committee will ensure that policies and funding are developed in line with Medr’s strategic duties and aims.</p> <p>The Committee will normally meet at least three times a year, through a mixture of remote meetings via video conferencing, and in-person meetings at our headquarters in Capital Quarter, Cardiff. Each meeting will be held during normal office hours and typically will last no more than three hours. Simultaneous translation (Welsh/English) will be provided at each Committee meeting.</p> <p>In addition to attending the meetings, you will need to commit time to reading the meeting papers and background information.</p> <p>Currently scheduled Committee meeting dates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 June 2025 • September 2025 (tbc) <p>As a member of a Medr Committee, you will be expected to abide by the principles set out in the Code of Practice for Board Members of Public Bodies. You will be required to declare all relevant interests by completing a declaration of interests form, the details of which will be made public via Medr’s website.</p>
<p><i>What you will bring</i></p>	<p>You will bring an independent, external perspective and provide a support and challenge function to the work of the Committee.</p> <p>All applicants will have an understanding of local, national or international policy development, and have been involved in strategic delivery within your organisation. With a strong understanding of the UK research and innovation policy environment, you will recognise how university research and</p>

	<p>innovation relates to economic development and other government priorities.</p> <p>Ideally you will have experience/background in one or more of the following areas:</p> <p><u>Principal Investigator</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideally you will have a range of experience of being responsible for carrying out independent research and/or innovation in, in an academic context. - You will ideally have an international profile and access to a range of disciplinary networks across Wales, the UK and internationally. <p><u>Industry Representative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideally you will have a range of experience in a research and/or innovation role, in an industrial or business context. - You will be expected to have experience of collaborations with university researchers, building research into the profile of your organisation and/or contributing to the innovation landscape in your area. <p><u>Research enabling member of staff</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ideally you will have a range of experience in supporting the development of and operations relating to research and/or innovation within a tertiary education context. - You will be expected to have experience of implementing major externally-funded projects and programmes, such as centres for doctoral training, large research programmes and/or funded networks, and supporting internally-funded strategic research initiatives and interventions within your organisation. <p>You will need to bring a passion and commitment for equity, diversity and inclusion to the appointment.</p> <p>We are also seeking to ensure a balance across our Committee in terms of geography and subject specialism.</p>
<i>Terms of the appointment</i>	The position is for a fixed-term period of 3 years. The role is unpaid, although we pay travel and subsistence expenses.
<i>Selection Process Details</i>	The Committee acknowledges the importance of diversity in its composition and is committed to fostering an inclusive environment where all voices are heard and valued. The Committee will seek to ensure that its membership is representative of a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences. The Committee will welcome enquiries / applications for membership in both Welsh and English and will encourage applications from individuals from groups that are currently underrepresented on the Committee.

	<p>We strive for a diverse and inclusive organisation and we want to help you demonstrate your full potential whatever type of assessment is used. We are happy to discuss any person-centred adjustments required to the appointment process. Please contact pobl@medr.cymru.</p> <p>All appointments will be made on merit.</p> <p>In line with data protection legislation, details of unsuccessful applicants, including CVs, will be retained for no longer than is necessary for the purposes of processing this application. Your written consent will be sought if Medr wishes to retain your details for future applications.</p> <p>If you believe you have the knowledge and expertise to add value as a member of our Research and Innovation Committee, please email your CV, the attached equalities' monitoring form (the completion of which is voluntary), along with a personal statement (750 words maximum) providing evidence of how you meet the experience/ background requirements of the role, and your commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion, by Friday 4 April 2025.</p> <p><i>By email:</i></p> <p>research@medr.cymru</p> <p><i>By post:</i></p> <p>Research and Innovation Medr 2 Capital Quarter Tyndall Street Cardiff CF10 4BZ</p> <p>To be fair to everyone who applies, we won't accept:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Late applications - Applications with missing or incomplete information - Personal statements over 750 words
<p><i>Next Steps</i></p>	<p>To find out more about the role or the work of the Committee, please contact Director of Research, Innovation and Skills harriet.barnes@medr.cymru,</p>