



Head of Policy and External Affairs

Salary: £62K per annum plus benefits

Location: Flexible – London and home-based working

The Council represents over 100 UK universities engaged in education and research for nursing, midwifery and the allied health professions. At any one time, our members will educate over 175,000 current and future professionals and will carry out research that improves the population's health and wellbeing.

Our members are based in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and Gibraltar. We operate as a charity, registered across the UK.

This year we are delighted to be recruiting for a brand-new role: Head of Policy and External Affairs. Reporting to the Executive Director, the main job role will be to increase the effectiveness and quality of the Council's policy development and external affairs, including evidence gathering, member and stakeholder engagement, policy influencing and measuring impact. This is a role that will require senior leadership experience, and for someone with drive, determination and excellent communication skills.

The appointed candidate will have management oversight and lead relationships through an ambitious programme working with our members, a wide range of stakeholders and partners, government and other decision-makers across the UK, also with funders in relation to Council grants and externally funded projects.

Key responsibilities and duties:

- Senior Leadership
- Policy Development
- External Relations
- Media and Social Media
- Project/programme oversight

Key attributes required:

- Experience of working in higher education or health policy
- Experience of government or other public body engagement in the UK
- Excellent communication skills and interpersonal and team working skills
- Ability to plan and manage one own's time and several priorities at once and to deliver these on schedule and on budget

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our microsite with reference to U0401: www.thewlisgraham.com/assignment-briefings. The closing date is 9 June 5pm.

For a confidential discussion please contact Thewlis Graham Associates on +44 (0)20 7850 4781 or email: applications@thewlisgraham.com