The Scottish Funding Council’s work in tertiary education makes a real difference to people’s lives through learning, research and innovation. Joining us could be a transformative decision for you too.

We are currently looking for:

POST: SFC Research & Knowledge Exchange Committee members

PURPOSE: The Research & Knowledge Exchange Committee (RKEC) has a role to respond to, recommend and advise the Council on research and knowledge exchange strategy, policy and funding issues relevant to Scottish higher education institutions and colleges.
## TABLE OF CONTENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>POST:</th>
<th>0</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PURPOSE</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Information</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The Scottish Funding Council is seeking to appoint three new members to its Research & Knowledge Exchange Committee.

SFC invests in excellent research and innovation that adds to current knowledge, delivers economic and societal value, enhances Scotland’s international reputation and attractiveness, and makes the world around us prosperous, healthier and more sustainable. We deliver strategies, infrastructure and investment that will secure excellent, impactful, connected and sustainable research and innovation in Scotland, now and into the future.

This is an exciting opportunity to support Scotland’s research infrastructure amidst a changing landscape which includes the implementation of SFC’s Review, the Scottish Government’s National Strategy for Economic Transformation, developments in UK R&D policy and international collaborations.

The Research & Knowledge Exchange Committee (RKEC) has a role to respond to, recommend and advise the Council on research and knowledge exchange strategy, policy and funding issues relevant to Scottish higher education institutions and colleges. These broad areas of advice include (but are not limited to):

1. Providing regular analyses of the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities and threats in the areas of research and innovation support, taking a broad view.
2. Providing regular and timely advice to the SFC’s Board on prioritisation, in the use of the Council’s resources to maximise the delivery of the strategic plan and to address Scottish Government outcomes.
3. Working with a range of stakeholders to give SFC’s Board advice on a strategy for innovation and support of knowledge exchange for sustainable economic growth.
4. Identifying opportunities for SFC’s Board to consider interventions to leverage significant resource into Scotland in support of research and/or knowledge exchange.

The Committee generally meets 4/5 times per year. Members may, on occasion, be asked to attend related meetings and events where appropriate. Meetings are likely to be a mixture of in person and virtual using Microsoft teams. More information on the committee, along with past papers and minutes, are available on the SFC website.

We are seeking to appoint three new committee members with experience in research, innovation and knowledge exchange: two with an academic perspective/background and one with a business or industry background/perspective. We would be particularly interested in hearing from applicants who can demonstrate evidence of the following:

For academic member applicants:

a) Experience of working at a strategic level with, or for, a Scottish HEI.
b) Critical thinking, for example in a formal committee or board context.
c) A comprehensive understanding and experience of research policy, leadership and innovation.

d) An understanding and experience of collaboration between academia, industry and others.

e) Both international and UK wide perspectives.

For business/industry member applicants:

a) A champion of innovation with experience in a business or industry-focused organisation in a senior or leadership role.

b) Knowledge and experience of the HE/business and policy interface.

c) A relevant background in, or experience of, working with a Scottish HEI and preferably, but not essentially, with one of SFC’s investments.

d) Critical thinking, for example in a formal committee or board context.

e) Active in the current business environment with an international and UK wide perspective.

Members may claim a small fee for attending meetings and SFC will pay travel expenses in line with Council policy.

Applications from under-represented groups, including women, minority ethnic backgrounds and persons with a disability, are particularly welcomed.

Appointed on merit; committed to diversity and equality

APPLICATION INFORMATION

A CV and a one page summary demonstrating the relevance of your experience/background to the work of the Committee should be sent by email to Jenny Jamieson, Clerk to the Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee, SFC by noon Wednesday 10 August 2022. Email: jjamieson@sfc.ac.uk