

Research Impact Manager

POSITION OVERVIEW

Location	Remote working and London-based (as per business requirements) Devon House, E1W 1LP
Term	Permanent
FTE	1 FTE
Salary	£40,000 - £45,000 dependent on experience
Benefits	Benefits package including 25 days holiday allowance pro rata (excl. bank holidays), group life assurance, group income protection, pension schemes and private healthcare
Reports to	Director of Research Services
Start	ASAP

The role

Do you have experience of promoting, evidencing and communicating research impact within a university? Are you looking for a flexible position with the option of remote working (with on-site working when required)?

Northeastern University London (NU-London) is expanding its research base and is looking for an experienced and autonomous individual to identify, develop and disseminate the economic, social and cultural impact arising from the University's research activity. The successful candidate will develop and lead the implementation of impact strategy, aligned with the institution's Research Excellence Framework (REF) goals. The role holder will provide guidance and practical support to the research community, developing mechanisms to successfully capture impact. The postholder will also lead on the scoping, shortlisting and subsequent development of Impact Case Studies for REF2028. This is an exciting and unique opportunity to join a newly created team and growing international network, providing effective support to the academic community.

About Northeastern London

NU London is the European campus of Northeastern University and the UK's newest University. Northeastern University is a large, top-tier, research intensive (annual grant income \$200m+), Boston-based institution, with campuses across North America and London. Through this network we expand opportunities for flexible, student-centred learning and collaborative, solutions-focused research. Our world-renowned approach empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create impact far beyond the confines of discipline, degree, and campus.

NU London's campus is situated in St Katharine Docks, on the banks of the River Thames, next to Tower Bridge, and comprises three faculties in the disciplines of humanities, social sciences and computing, mathematics, engineering and natural sciences. NU London currently has two Northeastern University research institutes: Network Science and Experiential AI; and seven interdisciplinary research clusters: AI and Information Ethics; Social Dynamics and Behaviour; Digital Governance; Globalisation and Deglobalisation; Reimagining HE in the age of AI; Data Science and the Humanities; and Cities Past, Present and Future. Founded in 2012 as 'New College of the Humanities', NU London has established itself as a prestigious higher education institution based in the heart of London. After becoming part of Northeastern University's global network in early 2019, the University has undergone a period of rapid growth, with taught degree awarding powers granted in February 2020. The University currently has over 50 research faculty (150 faculty in total), it will welcome its first PhD students this year, and has ambitions to apply for Research Degree Awarding Powers and submit to the next REF.

Key responsibilities

- Work across the University to identify research with impact potential and ensure support is provided to maximise impact generated.
- Identify and secure new pathways to grow research impact, including through new partnerships and funding opportunities.
- Work with researchers to develop innovative methods of external engagement (including public engagement and outreach events) to support the objectives and outcomes of the projects.
- Track research impact and public engagement activity, providing reports at REF Unit of Assessment, Faculty and University level as required.
- Monitor and stay up to date with external policy developments in relation to research impact and engagement, including REF updates.
- Provide training and briefing sessions to academic staff on research impact and create online materials, e.g., best practice guidance.
- Provide support for researchers applying for internal funding schemes within Northeastern.
- Undertake any other reasonable duties within postholder competence as requested by the Director of Research Services.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree (Essential)
- Master's and/or PhD (Desirable)

Selection Criteria

- Extensive experience of working in research or knowledge exchange support and a good understanding of the impact agenda (essential)
- Experience of supporting the impact element of a REF submission (essential)
- Experience of working with stakeholders outside academia to realise the benefits and impact of research (desirable)
- Proven ability to form productive working relationships with the research community, including researchers, senior management and external organisations (essential)
- Ability to work on own initiative, and as part of a team (essential)
- Experience of drafting of written reports or papers, presenting complex information clearly and succinctly (essential)
- Event management and organisational skills (essential)
- High-level analytical skills, with an ability to effectively organise and manage data (essential)
- Excellent copywriting and editorial skills, including the ability to tailor style for various audiences, including non-specialists (essential)
- Excellent oral communication skills, including the ability to listen, identify key points and provide bespoke advice (essential)

Application Process

Applications should be made via [this link](#) by **20:00 on 08th October 2023**. Please reference your application to “**RIM0923**”. Participation in the equal opportunities section is encouraged, but voluntary.

Please ensure that your application includes a CV and a covering letter. Applicants should address the selection criteria and indicate how their background and expertise align with the job role. You may use bullet points if you wish.

Candidates are welcome to make informal enquiries. Please email Alice Caryer:
alice.caryer@nulondon.ac.uk

Names and contact information of references should be provided through the cover letter. References will only be sought for finalists.

Participation in the equal opportunities section is encouraged, but voluntary. Applications are welcome from all sections of the community and will be judged on merit alone. We welcome applications from underrepresented groups. Candidates must be able to demonstrate their eligibility to work in the UK in accordance with the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006.