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Scope / Role Profile

A comprehensive Research planning and orchestration process is a key ambition of the SEPnet consortium. Its development has the full support of the SEPnet Steering Committee, Chaired by Bill Wakeham and HoDs Management Committee, chaired by Executive Director James West.

The SEPnet Research Lead will be responsible for determining the scientific input to the development of the over-arching SEPnet research plan agreed between institutions which sets the framework and roadmap to be reflected in the physics plans of the individual universities.

It is expected that the SEPnet Research Lead will be an established member of academic staff in one of the SEPnet partners. It is expected that the role will account for about 15-20% of his/her time.

There is considerable opportunity for the person appointed to develop this role beyond the remit here but always in line with the vision of the SEPnet initiative as expressed in the HEFCE bid document and as subsequently amended and augmented by the Steering and Management Committees. It is envisaged that the SEPnet Research Lead will be responsible for, *inter alia*:

- With assistance from the SEPnet Executive Director and staff, to be the scientific lead representing the Directors of Research from the SEPnet institutions to the SEPnet Scientific Advisory Panel and the SAP to the SEPnet institutions.
- To consolidate the entire scope of Physics research work across SEPnet institutions into documents for review and agreement by the SEPnet institutions (at an appropriate and agreed level of detail).
- Together with the SEPnet Directors of Research and Theme Chairs, to develop and document the SEPnet Research Roadmap, to be revised annually.
- To report to and receive feedback from the SAP on the above documents.
- To facilitate cross SEPnet Research proposals in response to Research Roadmap

Reports

The SEPnet Research Lead will report to the SEPnet Executive Director on all matters relating to the Research Plan. Otherwise, he/she will report to their local Head of Department.

The Research Lead will sit *ex-officio* on the Heads of Department Management Group Committee.

The Research Lead will have part-time access and service from a SEPnet appointed administrative assistant in an arrangement to be agreed with their local Head of Department / the SEPnet Executive Director.

Other matters / Appointment process

A Honorarium of £3,000 per Annum will be paid.

The Chair will be appointed for 3 years from 1st October 2010.

Applications will be invited from Academic members of staff of the Partner Departments. Selection will follow interview by a Board comprising the Executive Director and at least two Heads of Department.

James West
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