



Pro-Vice-Chancellor (PVC) Engagement

Lancaster University is an established and thriving UK university with a world-class reputation for excellence in research and teaching. It is consistently ranked among the top 15 in all three major UK university league tables and continues to grow its reputation both nationally and internationally.

The University strategy is built upon three main pillars – research, teaching and engagement. The PVC for Engagement will provide strategic leadership in driving forward the institutional engagement plan. The role-holder is also responsible for the University's civic agenda and providing strategic leadership across the institution's work on the Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) and Knowledge Exchange Concordat.

The PVC Engagement provides leadership across both internal – staff and student - and external engagement activities while managing relationships with existing and new key stakeholders locally, regionally and nationally. These include, but are not limited to, businesses, local authorities, community partners, employers, Further Education colleges, policymakers and the public. The role requires high personal visibility within local and regional communities to promote and help realise the benefits and opportunities provided by having a high-performing university in the county.

In light of the current Government's focus on local and regional growth and regeneration, the University's response to the levelling-up agenda, strategic priorities, funding, town and city deals, etc sit within the remit of the PVC Engagement. The successful candidate will be expected to identify, develop and deliver innovative opportunities for the University and its partners to support and enhance local development. The ability to develop diverse networks regionally, nationally and internationally is essential and the role-holder is expected to be able to leverage these networks for the benefit of both Lancaster University and its communities.

The successful candidate will be able to evidence their deep understanding of the value of engagement by exploring and exploiting opportunities at the threshold between their portfolio and those of the other thematic PVCs - research, enterprise, education, global partnerships, digital and sustainability.

Leadership experience at Dean, Senior Director or Pro-Vice-Chancellor level would be considered an advantage.

While the holder of this role is both the external and internal institutional face for engagement, the successful candidate may also be required to take on other roles as determined by the Vice-Chancellor.



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Applications should be received by noon on **Friday 4 February**.

