

Dear colleague

## **USS Joint Expert Panel (JEP) – UCU panellist vacancy**

As a result of the unavoidable resignation of one of the UCU JEP members, Dr Catherine Donnelly, UCU is seeking to appoint a new JEP panellist to sit on the JEP as phase 2 of the work commences in line with the agreed terms of reference. The JEP will, among other matters, consider the scheme's under-pinning methodology and issues of scheme governance. Find out more on the work on the JEP here: <http://www.ussjep.org.uk>

We are particularly interested to receive submissions from applicants who have a demonstrable actuarial background and knowledge.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 25 January. We will be looking to appoint the successful candidate the following week so they can participate in a meeting of panel when it meets to consider phase 2 of its work. The meeting is proposed for Friday 1 February.

Applicants should attach a CV and a supporting written statement of up to 500 words.

Applications should be made by email to Paul Bridge, UCU head of higher education at [pbridge@ucu.org.uk](mailto:pbridge@ucu.org.uk).

UCU's Superannuation Working Group will consider applications that not only have a high level actuarial track record but who can also demonstrate the qualities set out below:

- a high-level understanding of current debates within pension funds including their nature and construction, valuation methodology, actuarial assumptions and the regulatory framework
- an understanding of the wider importance of the joint commitment by UCU and Universities UK to a guaranteed defined benefit pension
- experience of working in committees or panels and an ability to work in a collegiate and confidential manner
- ability to quickly assimilate large quantities of complex information
- a high-level understanding of higher education and/or industrial relations
- an understanding of and commitment to equalities.

Please share this information with anyone who you think would be an effective JEP panellist.

Any potential candidate wanting more information or to discuss the role further should contact Paul direct at [pbridge@ucu.org.uk](mailto:pbridge@ucu.org.uk).

Thank you for your support.