University of Warwick: Science and Technology for Health Global Priorities Programme

The Role of the Departmental Champion

Background

At the University of Warwick we aim to underpin delivery of high quality cross-disciplinary research in areas that cross platforms in which we are acknowledged leaders. These include quantitative biosciences; systems modelling; digital healthcare technologies; computational intelligence; mathematics; translational research (including cutting-edge facilities and expertise in translational medicine supported by the Science City Research Alliance); and Warwick Medical School Clinical Trials Unit.

Our vision is to create a high profile, highly visible Science and Technology (S&T) for Health Global Research Priority (GRP) (http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross_fac/gpp/scienceandtechforhealth) which:
Pulls together excellent research expertise
Highlights major achievements
Promotes state-of-the-art research facilities across Warwick
Identifies suitable external partners
The aim is to produce a step change in the scale and quality of research and educational activities in this area of endeavour.

‘Departmental Champion’ Role Description

Champions will represent each participating department across campus fully, by facilitating effective knowledge transfer, promotion of activities and dissemination of information.

It is anticipated that each Departmental Champion will be more likely to foster additional effective departmental involvement – particularly with colleagues who face similar workloads and commitments – and will act as a link between the administrative team of the GRP and their own department.

The Departmental Champion will:

- Provides first point of contact for all staff within his or her department for the S&T for Health GRP
- Work with the Academic and Research Leads (and administration team) of the S&T for Health GRP to enable and raise awareness within their department, of GRP activities across the university campus
- Liaise, where possible, with departmental colleagues, advising and disseminating S&T for Health GPP information that may encourage further cross-campus participation and collaboration
- Attend the GRP Advisory Board meeting twice a year