



THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

**UNIVERSITY COURT AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE
EXTERNAL MEMBER VACANCIES
REF: GOV001A**

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the governance of a leading University in a rapidly changing global environment.

The University of Aberdeen is a broad-based, research-intensive University, and we put students at the centre of everything we do. Outstanding in a wide range of discipline areas, Aberdeen is credited for its international reach and commercialisation of research ideas into spin out companies. The University has over 16,000 matriculated students and 3,600 staff representing 130 nationalities. We encourage bold thinking, creativity and innovation, and we nurture ambition in an inclusive learning environment which challenges and inspires.

The mission, objectives and targets outlined in our award winning Aberdeen 2040 Strategic Plan are approved and monitored by the governance structure of the University Court, the University's Governing Body with corporate and legal duties and ultimate responsibility for the University.

We are currently seeking to appoint two individuals as external members of University Court's standing Audit & Risk Committee, whose primary role is to advise the University Court in relation to the effectiveness and responsibilities for the University's corporate governance, financial systems, internal control environment and risk management.

With proven experience at Director level, you will possess a strong knowledge of audit, risk management and corporate governance, and an awareness of the breadth of risks currently faced by universities from a strategic perspective. In addition to the key areas listed in the person specification, we are particularly interested to receive applications from individuals with experience of financial management and audit and who can demonstrate a sound understanding of current and emerging issues such as sustainability, net zero and people related matters.

Further information about the University and the role of an external member of the Audit & Risk Committee is provided in the candidate pack.

Members are not remunerated, however the University will meet reasonable costs incurred in carrying out the role including reimbursement for travel.

Each position is for three years in the first instance. The expected time commitment is attendance at five meetings of the Committee per year.

To enquire informally about the position, contact Jan Whitfield, Clerk to the Audit & Risk Committee at janine.whitfield@abdn.ac.uk

Candidates should apply with a CV and covering letter outlining their suitability for the role. All applications should be submitted via email to the University's recruitment team at: hrrecruitment@abdn.ac.uk. Please quote reference GOV001A on all correspondence.

The closing date for applications is Friday 26 August 2022. We expect to invite shortlisted candidates to interview on Wednesday 28 or Thursday 29 September.

The University values a diverse working environment and recognises the benefits this can bring. We are keen to receive applications from all suitably experienced individuals from across all of the equality protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation). Applications would be particularly welcomed from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic, disabled and early career candidates, as we recognise that individuals from these groups are currently underrepresented on the Court and would further enhance its diversity.