

# <u> Draft Role Profile – Part 1</u>

Job Title:	Research Fellow
Reference No:	
Reports to:	Principle Investigator (PI): Professor Elaheh Ghassemieh
Grade:	F
Working Hours:	37 hours per week for nominal purposes
Faculty:	Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing
Location:	Faculty of Engineering and Centre for Advanced Manufacturing as required
Main Purpose of the Role:	To perform research in the area of advanced manufacturing on multi projects
Key Tasks and Responsibilities:	<ul> <li>Plan, design and carry out experimental and simulation work in the areas of the defined projects</li> <li>Analyse and report the results on regular basis to the PI and all the external parties involved in the project</li> <li>Investigate the latest state of the art related to the projects in hand and align the direction of the project accordingly</li> <li>Contribute to identification of sources of funding and writing proposals in the area of advanced manufacturing they are specifically recruited for</li> </ul>
Part 1B	<ul> <li>Other Research Fellow roles:</li> <li>Develop and implement a personal research plan and where appropriate related reach-out plan and develop, often in collaboration with others, proposals for research projects and initiatives.</li> <li>Carry out independent research.</li> <li>Conduct individual or collaborative research projects often as project leader.</li> <li>Contribute to the development of research and related reach-out strategies.</li> <li>Identify sources of funding, lead / contribute to the process of securing funds and subsequently plan and deliver projects that are funded.</li> <li>Extend, transform and apply knowledge acquired from scholarship to research and appropriate external activities.</li> <li>Act as an academic referee and contribute to peer assessment of research projects or publications.</li> <li>Disseminate and exploit the outcomes of research and reach-out through peer-reviewed publication and through presentations at conferences or exhibit work in other appropriate events and initiate such events.</li> <li>Maintain knowledge and understanding at the forefront of the academic discipline and, if appropriate, also at the forefront of the relevant area of professional practice.</li> <li>Provide expert advice through subject area knowledge, understanding and know-how to students, researchers and other academic colleagues</li> <li>Contribute to the teaching and learning Supervise postgraduate research students as</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>approved and decided by the PI.</li> <li>Develop and apply innovative and appropriate teaching techniques and material which create interest, understanding and enthusiasm amongst students</li> </ul>
Special Circumstances:	



#### <u> Draft Role Profile – Part 2</u>

Part 2A
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#### Essential:

# Qualifications / Experience / Knowledge and Expertise

#### **Qualifications & Professional Memberships:**

 Postgraduate qualification (normally doctorate) or equivalent in the area of mechanical / manufacturing / materials engineering

# Experience:

- Track record of developing peer-reviewed published work and peer-reviewed public exhibition and presentations.
- At least five years of experience in the following areas:
  - 1)Additive manufacturing processes (3D printing, Laser sintering, Laser texturing, Ultrasonic fabrication)
  - 2) Processing and developing lightweight materials, sustainable materials and processes
  - 3) Material Characterisation techniques
  - 4) Visualisation techniques for quality control

# Key Knowledge and Expertise (generic):

- Required to be an externally recognised authority in the subject area.
- Possess sufficient breadth or depth of specialist knowledge in the discipline to develop research programmes and methodologies.
- Use a range of delivery techniques to enthuse and engage students.
- High level critical evaluative and analytical skills.

#### Desirable:

#### **Qualifications & Professional Memberships:**

• Membership of Institute of Mechanical Engineering

# Experience:

• Thermomechanical simulation using ANSYS / ABAQUS

# **Key Knowledge and Expertise:**

• CAD/CAM and FEA software

# Part 2B Generic Competencies:

#### **Analysis and Research**

- Gathers data rigorously and conducts robust analysis, questioning assumptions and existing knowledge.
- Develops hypotheses and concepts to explain data, events and phenomena.
- Reports findings to wider community and is able to withstand challenge by relying on evidence gathered and processes used for analysis.

#### Communication

#### Oral

- Summarises and interprets complex, conceptual and special matters to aid others' understanding and aimed at their needs.
- Uses appropriate styles and arguments to influence and negotiate satisfactory outcomes.
- Monitors understanding of others, develops approach and takes corrective action if required.

#### Written

- Conveys information of a complex, conceptual and specialist nature using a range of styles and media selected to meet the needs of others.
- Presents complex information in formats appropriate to non-specialists without comprising meaning.
- Monitors the reactions of others and takes appropriate steps to remedy any miscommunications.

#### **Decision Making**

#### **Independent decisions**

- Considers wider impact of decisions, assesses possible outcomes and their likelihood.
- Uses judgement to make decisions with limited or ambiguous data and takes account of multiple factors.
- Distinguishes between the need to make a decision, when to defer and when not to take a decision.

#### Collaborative decisions

- Helps others to explore options that initially appear to be inappropriate or unfeasible and recognise when a decision is or is not needed.
- Enables others to contribute to decisions.
- Ensures that options are weighed, outcomes identified and chances of success considered.
- Challenges decisions, appropriately to ensure consideration and processes are robust

#### Contribute to the decision making of others

- Anticipates and highlights issues that need to be taken into account.
- Outlines possible impacting factors, assessing their degree of influence on the choice of options.
- Ensures previous learning is included.

#### **Initiative and Problem Solving**

- Initiates processes and procedures to resolve new problems.
- Anticipates possible implementation difficulties and identifies practical ways of overcoming or preventing them.
- Takes account of others and the broader context when generating options.

#### **Pastoral Care and Welfare**

- Calms and reassures those in distress.
- Deals with difficult situations or confidential matters, according to policy and procedures.
- Involves others or refers elsewhere for assistance if the situation becomes more complex and if additional help or information is required.

#### **Planning and Organising Resources**

- Actively seeks information to support planning and prioritisation of work.
- Ensures that time and resources are used effectively to their maximum efficiency.
- Checks and reports on progress and achievement against plans to key parties.
- Develops plans to take account of problems, delays and new priorities.

# **Team Development**

- Plans and generates training and development opportunities to meet team members current and future learning needs.
- Enables team members to apply their learning.
- Evaluates learning and development activities with those involved.

#### **Teamwork and Motivation**

- Ensures appropriate resources and support are available so that the team and individual members are able achieve their objectives
- Monitors progress and takes appropriate action to deal with difficulties or slippage
- Deals with conflict within the team
- Finds ways for individuals to achieve their objectives and development plans without compromising the teams priorities

**Date Completed:** 

January 2008