Global Development Theme Leads – engagement process

Primary Purpose of Positions

The University aims to positively impact societies globally by the real-world application of development expertise across program delivery, innovation, policy and advisory services. Through these efforts, UQ will build and sustain engagement in key countries and be recognised by Australian and international governments, donors and partners as a leading university for development expertise and its application for impact.

Global Development Theme Lead positions have been established to support the successful implementation of the new Global Development Impact Plan by harnessing UQ’s broad range of global development expertise spanning development practitioners, academics, early career researchers, teaching and professional staff and students. Working collaboratively across key themes, these roles will build communities of practice that enable sharing of best practice in global development, promote capacity building workshops and proactively identify, develop and deliver global development project opportunities for UQ.

In the first instance, Global Development Theme Leads are sought for the high-level themes listed below.

- Environment
- Health
- Governance and Public Policy
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Duties

Duties and responsibilities will include, but not be limited to:

1. Lead activities that secure funded Global Development projects
   - Map stakeholder networks, and expand relationships with key funding agencies, alumni and multilateral agencies to investigate and identify global development sector priorities related to the theme
   - In collaboration with International Development, deliver workshops at the sub-theme level that conceptualise and design Development project concepts
   - Identify, design, secure funding and implement development projects through the communities of practice, and in collaboration with UQ International Development, which utilise UQ’s expertise and knowledge to achieve the SDGs

2. Support UQ International Developments Business Development and Project activities
   - Provide an academic voice when engaging with funding agencies and partners to support success of proposals and collaboration opportunities
   - Support the development and delivery of both proactive and reactive proposals to funded development opportunities

3. Promote opportunities for UQ staff and students to participate in global development activities and raise the visibility of UQ capabilities
   - Engage with faculties, institutes and other UQ units to promote opportunities for involvement in global development
   - Identify, map and engage the best experts and capabilities from across UQ to pursue and execute successful development projects
   - Contribute information, resources and news to the online Hub Platform that promote opportunities for involvement and showcase UQ expertise in global development activities
   - Develop thought leadership content for publication in prominent global development channels
• Develop opportunities to influence regional policy and investment decisions and attract funders

4. Build collaboration across UQ faculties, institutes and professional teams

• Establish and expand ‘communities of practice’ of academics, researchers, teaching and professional staff and students under the Theme
• Through the Community of Practice, identify suitable sub-themes that align UQ’s expertise with current development sector priorities
• In collaboration with International Development, share knowledge and deliver capacity building workshops on global development related topics for UQ academics, researchers, teaching and professional staff and students
• Identify opportunities to align with and complement academic and research initiatives with a development sector focus, improving collaborations with academics and practitioners and providing a better student and ECR experience

Role and Recognition

Global Development Theme Lead roles will be part-time, service roles (0.2 FTE)

The service will be recognised through an honorarium to each individual’s research/consultancy fund.

The term of the roles will be an initial 12 months with the possibility of renewal.

*Note – arrangements are based on the existing process established for the positions of Chairperson for Research Ethics Committees.*

Reporting Arrangements

The Global Development Theme Leads will report to the Head of International Development and work closely with the other Theme Leads and the Global Development Hub coordinator.

Recruitment Process

The roles will be promoted through existing UQ networks.

Applicants will be required to provide:

• a two-page (maximum) cover letter nominating the theme/s of interest and outlining relevant skills and experience supporting the application
• resume including 2 referees
• confirmation that the Head of Organisational Unit supports the application

Closing date: 4pm, Thursday 30 September

Support Arrangements

Global Development Theme Leads will meet at least monthly with the PVC (Global Engagement) and Head, International Development to discuss progress, identify and address any challenges.

Some administrative support will be provided by the Global Development Hub coordinator.