



## **Call for applications for Deputy Directors of UCL Institute of Advanced Studies**

The IAS is looking to appoint two Deputy Directors, one from the Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences and one from the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, to start in September 2024. This enabling role is 0.2FTE (one day a week) for three years (2024-7).

The IAS is a research-based community of scholars comprising colleagues and doctoral students from across UCL as well as visiting fellows and research collaborators/interlocutors from the UK and internationally. It is committed to critical thinking and engaged enquiry both within and across conventional disciplinary and institutional boundaries. It aims to provide a creative and experimental context in which to question and dislodge habitual practices and modes of thought. The IAS hosts 15+ research centres and networks, hosts c 20 international Visiting Research Fellows each year, and works closely with other interdisciplinary units such as UCL Anthropocene, the European Institute, Urban Lab, and the School of Creative and Cultural Industries to pioneer research initiatives, such as Music Futures or Indigenous Ecologies and Environmental Crisis. Its priorities over the next three years include: enhancing UCL's cross-faculty research environment for AHSS, especially for early-career academics; building ARIEL (a hub for creative practice research) and developing other collaborations with SCCI to create a bridge for activity in all aspects of Culture between UCL Bloomsbury and UCL East; working towards UCL strategic investment in global and area studies, including the development of an MA in Global, Area and Local Studies; and continuing to work with UCL Collections towards a shared vision of the IAS as an enhanced space for research and public engagement work.

The role of Deputy Director is central to the work of the IAS and involves the following contributions:

- Working with the Director on IAS strategy and planning
- Actively contributing to activities that support the financial sustainability of the IAS, including fund-raising
- Liaising with departments and representing the IAS at Faculty or other UCL meetings as necessary
- Working with departments to generate activity and processes that enhance research environment and support REF preparation
- Attending the weekly Residential Seminar (a cross-disciplinary discussion of a pre-circulated piece of work-in-progress) and chairing a third of them
- Mentoring of our two Quirk Postdoctoral Fellows
- Taking part in the selection of Visiting Research Fellows and in awarding of research funds
- Welcoming VRFs and helping them to navigate UCL
- Contributing to the IAS Early-Career Network, now linked into the British Academy ECN, especially delivering intellectual content, e.g. workshops on interdisciplinarity or on fellowship applications

- Developing contacts with comparable AHSS research centres overseas, especially in Asia, Africa and Latin America
- Participating wherever possible in IAS initiatives/activities, especially the annual research themes or clusters
- Serving on recruitment panels
- Attending/chairing IAS events, especially book launches
- Attending the IAS Advisory Group (2-3 meetings a year)
- Championing the IAS at home and abroad

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to an interdisciplinary forum for research, open intellectual exchange and public engagement. We are looking for someone at grade 9 or 10, who has a readiness to generate and respond to ideas, and who can stimulate intellectual initiatives across the arts, humanities and social sciences. It is expected that each Deputy Director will take responsibility for a specific strategic initiative, as agreed with the Director.

Compensation for the 0.2FTE will be agreed by negotiation with the relevant Dean and HoD and the successful candidate(s) will need to discuss the appointment with their Head of Department and the relevant Dean before taking it on.

To apply, please send a two-page CV and a one-page covering letter explaining your interest in the role to Catherine Stokes ([c.stokes@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:c.stokes@ucl.ac.uk)) **by noon on Wednesday 12 June 2024**. Interviews will be held in late June. If you would like to discuss the role informally, please contact the IAS Director, Nicola Miller ([nicola.miller@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:nicola.miller@ucl.ac.uk)) or the current Deputy Directors: Phiroze Vasunia ([p.vasunia@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:p.vasunia@ucl.ac.uk)) for A&H and Megan Vaughan ([megan.vaughan@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:megan.vaughan@ucl.ac.uk)) for SHS.