Call for expressions of interest: UCL Local Network Co-Lead, UK Reproducibility Network

As one of the founding member institutions of the UK Reproducibility Network, UCL has committed to working together to promote the quality and reproducibility of research at our institutions. As part of UCL’s work with UKRN, we are looking for someone at UCL to take on the role of Local Network Co-Lead, alongside Jessie Baldwin.

*To submit an expression of interest, please send no more than 200-300 words to Grace Gottlieb (g.gottlieb@ucl.ac.uk) by Monday 5 December 2022, setting out why you are interested to take on this role, and what you would bring to the role.*

Role description

The role of the UKRN Local Network Co-Leads is to **build an informal group of multidisciplinary researchers** interested in issues of openness, transparency and reproducibility in research and research improvement. This includes facilitating communication on these topics between teams within the institution, and linking the institution to the wider UKRN community, partly through engagement in UKRN activities and partly through communication with the UKRN steering group.

The Local Network Co-Lead will work closely with Jessie Baldwin, the existing Co-Lead and Sir Henry Wellcome Postdoctoral Fellow, David Shanks, UCL’s Academic Lead for the UKRN and Grace Gottlieb, Head of Research Policy.

**Responsibilities** include:

- Communicating (either via meetings or email) with other UKRN representatives and local leads to share knowledge on what works/doesn’t work at other UKRN-affiliated institutions
- Maintaining dialogue with other key groups at UCL that promote transparency in research (e.g. Academic Lead, Library Services, Research Policy) and contributing input on UCL activities relating to transparency and reproducibility
- Working with colleagues to disseminate information from UKRN to UCL researchers on events, new initiatives, etc.
- Working with colleagues to gather information and views from UCL researchers to feed back to UKRN; updating UKRN on local network news
- Initiating or coordinating initiatives within the institution to promote reproducibility and transparency
- Taking part in the ReproducibiliTea Journal Club (attending meetings where possible and engaging with the organisers).
We are ideally looking for someone who has some of the following traits:

- Is an early-career researcher
- Has experience in fostering networks of researchers with a common purpose/interest
- Is already engaged with networks within and/or beyond UCL
- Has experience in coordinating research-related or institutional initiatives
- Has experience working with individuals at varied levels of seniority
- Has effective communication skills
- Has experience of communication on transparency-related issues
- Has a good level of understanding (or willingness to learn) about the institution’s processes and how various teams work and interact
- Illustrates motivation towards improving openness and transparency in research at UCL.

Notes

- The role is not remunerated.
- Candidates should seek the consent of their line manager before applying.
- For more information on UCL’s work to support transparency, see this webpage.
- For more information on UKRN, see the UKRN webpages.
- Please contact Jessie Baldwin, the Local Network Co-Lead, if you would like to have an informal chat about the role.
- The role is for 12 months in the first instance, with an annual review thereafter.