

## **Constitution of the Warwick Centre for Social Data Science**

The Centre is an interdepartmental network at the University of Warwick hosted by IER. The Head of Department of IER has formal responsibility for the Centre.

**Director:** Appointed from Institute for Employment Research

**Deputy Directors:** One each from the Faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, and Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to be appointed. It is expected that all deputy directors will be active in social data science research.

**Departmental Leads:** Each engaged department will identify a departmental lead to join the Senior Academic Team and act as the conduit to everyone out in departments.

### **Aims of the Centre**

The Centre will bring together Warwick academics who work in the field of social data science, and provide structure and context to enable them to work together and flourish in high-impact research and impact endeavours. Specifically, the Centre will:

- i) Provide an open-forum platform and common point of access for academics across campus and external partners to identify new interdisciplinary research areas of common interest and collaborate on large-scale interdisciplinary bids;
- ii) Showcase the full range of Warwick's high-quality research and impact expertise relevant to social data science to research and impact partners nationally and globally;
- iii) Extend, widen and deepen collaborations with a sustainable portfolio of strategic and competitive research awards, attract high-calibre students and independent researchers and nurture rising stars across campus;
- iv) Facilitate understanding of social data science research and methodologies through pedagogically-appropriate teaching and training;
- v) Horizon scan for emerging research, teaching and collaboration opportunities;
- vi) Provide a stimulating and supportive environment where individuals and groups can flourish with opportunities for personal development and learning/growth opportunities;
- vii) Invest in the next generation of social data science leaders in academia, government, policy context and industry;
- viii) Act as a mechanism to develop the data science theme of the Social Sciences Grand Challenge

## **Membership**

Membership of the Centre is open to any member of the University of Warwick and postgraduate students with a specific interest in any of the Centre's activities.

## **Funding**

The funding of the Centre will be through various sources, including externally sourced IER departmental funds and competitive research grants, although we would welcome seed funding from the Faculty of Social Sciences. Funding from external sponsors will also be sought.

## **The Director of the Centre**

1. The Director shall be appointed by the Boards of the Faculty of Arts, Social Sciences, and Sciences, Engineering and Medicine on the recommendation of members of the Centre, with agreement of the proposed Director's Head of Department.
2. The Director shall be appointed for a term of normally three years, the appointment being renewable.
3. The Director shall consult with the Heads of departments which contribute to the Centre's activities over the Centre's strategy and shall be responsible for its implementation.

## **Deputy Directors:**

1. There will be three Deputy Directors that represent all faculties to support the Director in the operational management of the Centre.
2. The Deputy Directors shall be appointed for a term of normally three years, the appointment being renewable.
3. The Deputy Directors shall consult with the Heads of departments within their faculty over the Centre's strategy and support its implementation.

## **Departmental Leads:**

1. Each engaged department will identify a departmental lead to join the Senior Academic Team and act as the conduit to everyone out in departments.
2. The Departmental Leads shall consult with colleagues in their departments over the Centre's strategy/planning and feedback to the Senior Academic Team.

## **Operational Governance:**

The Director, Deputy Directors, and Departmental Leads of the Centre will meet once a month to discuss Centre's activities and future planning. Through the Director, they will report to the Head of Department of IER, the Chair of the Faculty of Social Sciences every term with tabled reports sent to the FSS Research and Impact Forum and the University Research Committee every year.