

# Research and Innovation Services

## Staff Directory

### **Professor Keith George – Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Exchange**

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Professor of Exercise and Cardiovascular Physiology, the University's Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Exchange, member of the Executive Leadership Team and a range of central committees, Professor George provides strategic leadership of the development and implementation of the University's overall strategies for research and knowledge exchange.

### **Mel Campbell, Executive Support Officer to PVC, Research and Knowledge Exchange/PVC Student Experience**

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As part of the VC's office, Mel is Executive Support to both Professor George and Professor Vickerman and secretary to a number of the University's central Committees and working groups. She also provides administrative support to colleagues in RIS.

## Grants, Policy and Projects

### **Alison Thornber, Head of Grants, Policy and Projects**

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Alison develops and leads LJMU's external funding strategy; supporting collaboration within the University and building partnerships to support LJMU's engagement with National, European and International stakeholders.

### **Mike Hession, Research Grants Manager**

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Mike is responsible for managing the research grants team, and developing strategies, policies and processes aimed at securing research grants from external funders. In addition, Mike also provides hands on support to academic colleagues preparing research applications.

### **Kevin Egerton, Research & European Funding Officer**

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Kevin provides expert support to all Faculties; helping Researchers prepare and submit compelling research funding applications. Funders range from the Research Councils, British Academy, Royal Society, Newton Fund, Leverhulme Trust, Arts Council England, EU Horizon Europe and US funding bodies.

### **Caroline Little, Research & European Funding Officer**

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Caroline provides expert support to all Faculties, helping researchers prepare and submit compelling funding applications. Funders range from the Research Councils, British Academy, Newton Fund to various charitable trusts. I have also successfully supported European funded projects.

### **Laura Bellinger, Research Contracts Officer**

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Laura is responsible for facilitating all aspects of research grant contracting. Working closely with colleagues in RIS, Finance, Legals and Principal Investigators to support the contracting process from a grant being awarded through to the contract and any associated collaboration agreements being negotiated, agreed and signed.

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### **Brittany Mason, International Research Funding Officer**

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Brittany supports Researchers from all Faculties in preparing and submitting international research funding applications including to Horizon Europe and other international opportunities. This includes supporting Researchers in navigating the current UKRI Horizon Funding Guarantee application process and the requirements that go alongside this.

**Jacinta Ellis, Research and European Funding Officer**

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Jacinta supports academics and other members of staff to apply for and run externally funded projects, with particular specialism in ERDF and ESF funds.

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Finn provides support to ESIF-funded staff and members of RIS in order to support the delivery and compliance of projects funded through SPF, Innovate UK and European funds.

## Knowledge Exchange and Commercialisation

**Jane Townend, Head of Knowledge Exchange and Commercialisation**

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Jane's role is to lead and manage the knowledge exchange team and to support and develop knowledge exchange and transfer activities across the University by fostering and brokering relationships with external stakeholders. The team and Jane are also responsible for the commercialisation of innovation and inventions from within LJMU.

**Peter Leather, IP and Innovation Manager**

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Pete's role is to provide a range of innovation, intellectual property and commercialisation support services to identify, protect, and exploit ideas, breakthrough research, and inventions generated by our staff and post-graduate students. The goal is to facilitate the transformation of these ideas, breakthrough research and inventions into products, services, or intellectual property assets that solve real world problems.

**Chris Edwards, Knowledge Exchange Manager**

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Chris works closely with academic colleagues, departments/schools and the University as a whole to develop external relationships that will allow impact to be achieved and external income leveraged working primarily with Faculty of Health and the School of Sport and Exercise Sciences.

**Dan Carrington, Knowledge Exchange Manager**

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Dan works closely with academic colleagues, departments/schools and the University as a whole to develop external relationships that will allow impact to be achieved and external income leveraged.

**Kerrie Huthart, Knowledge Exchange Officer**

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Kerrie works with colleagues to proactively grow LJMU's knowledge exchange (KE) and enterprise activities. She provides central support to coordinate knowledge exchange income generating activity and has a particular focus on Innovate UK and industry-led funded projects amongst others.

**Claire Keenan, Operations Manager**

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Claire is responsible for the operational function including the development of processes and systems for the Knowledge Exchange and Commercialisation team. Her role also covers a range of reporting activities for RIS, including monthly and annual returns and departmental reports.

**Viki Le Quelenec – Operations Support Officer for Research and Knowledge Exchange**

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Viki provides direct support to users of key University systems (with a focus on Symplectic and GaP). She plays a key role in the development of processes and reporting across RIS, as well as developing training materials for the wider academic and professional service community.

**Cheryl Lamont, Contracts and Project Officer**

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Cheryl supports colleagues by processing, maintaining, and monitoring all documentation in relation to knowledge exchange activity across the department, assisting with the requirements to set up commercial and industry related projects. This includes coordinating with finance, legal departments, faculties and external organisations, supporting the development from cradle to grave. Cheryl is also responsible for raising invoices against projects and responding to finance queries along with record management of the departments legal agreements and legal reviews.

**Estelle Hargraves - Knowledge Transfer Officer**

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Centred around the support and development for Knowledge Transfer Partnerships and Innovate UK funding Estelle provides full co-ordination for bid submissions, engagement and liaison with external partners and deliver core support both pre and post award with all parties involved.

**Caroline Murray – Engagement and Communications Officer**

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Caroline is responsible for communicating and promoting the role of RIS to key internal stakeholders; co-ordinating and handling activities of The Engagement Network (T.E.N) and supporting the delivery of internal and external communications.

## Research Excellence

**Dr Martin Brooks, Head of Research Excellence and Research Strategy**

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Central contact for the Research Excellence Framework in LJMU. In addition to championing research quality improvement within the University, Martin leads the evolution of institutional research culture. Martin's remit also includes technological developments for Symplectic Elements and system user support.

**Lucy Day, Impact Officer (MATERNITY LEAVE)**

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Lucy's supports researchers to capture, articulate and evaluate the impact of their research beyond academia. This is particularly important for submitting funding bids, the Research Excellence Framework (REF) and for researchers who want to develop their own impact profile.

**Emily Walker, Impact Officer**

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Emily supports researchers to capture, articulate and evaluate the impact of their research beyond academia. This is particularly important for submitting funding bids, the Research Excellence Framework (REF) and for researchers who want to develop their own impact profile. Supporting the Faculties of APS, BLW & FET.

**Elysia Greenway, Impact Officer**

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Elysia supports researchers to capture, articulate and evaluate the impact of their research beyond academia. This is particularly important for submitting funding bids, the Research Excellence Framework (REF) and for researchers who want to develop their own impact profile. Supporting the Faculties of HE & SCI.

**Gemma Reed, Public Engagement Officer**

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Gemma's role is to support staff across the University to develop and deliver the public engagement activities connected to their research and knowledge exchange. She is passionate about inspiring and involving the public with the research taking place at the university.

Please get in touch with Gemma if you would like to discuss engagement, she'd love to hear from you!

## Research Ethics and Governance

**Dr Dave Harriss, Research Ethics and Governance Manager**

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As part of Dave's part-time role as Research Ethics and Governance Manager, he chairs the University Research Ethics Committee and manages the processes that help to ensure standards of research. Additionally, he also is a part time senior lecturer in the School of Sport and Exercise Science.

**Mandy Williams, Research Support Officer**

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Mandy assists the Research Governance Manager in the implementation of Research Ethics across the University ensuring the safety, dignity and rights of research participants whilst providing assurance that research is being conducted within an ethical framework. Mandy is secretary to UREC, administrating applications for full, proportionate and minimal risk review and is involved in developing the training provision and roll out of an online ethical system.