

Member(s) of the ICMS Programme Committee: Call for Expressions of Interest

Closing Date: 31 July, 2024

The ICMS runs a programme of international research workshops and related research activity at the Bayes Centre near the City Centre of Edinburgh. Our EPSRC grant, renewed recently, guarantees funding for five years.

Proposals for workshops are considered by the Programme Committee, which makes recommendations to the Director. The ICMS is seeking to appoint up to four new members. Each member serves for three years in the first instance, with a possible extension of up to three further years.

ROLE OF THE ICMS PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

The ICMS Programme Committee provides an independent assessment of proposals and review of the scientific activities at ICMS. It meets at least twice a year, normally at least once in Edinburgh. It is responsible for the vetting of scientific proposals and assisting the Director in the identification of areas of the mathematical sciences in which the ICMS should be involved. The main duties are:

- Recommending referees for scientific proposals;
- Assessing referees reports and determining a rank list of fundable proposals for consideration by the Director and the ICMS Management Committee;
- Reviewing past activity and recommending improvements;
- Considering the funding portfolio and recommending areas for future potential funding;
- Reviewing various areas of expertise and identifying areas which could be strengthened.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ICMS PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

The members of the Programme Committee will be appointed by the ICMS Management Committee on the recommendation of a smaller Nominating Committee. The Programme Committee is expected to represent a broad range of interests and expertise in the mathematical sciences. The ICMS is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion

and welcomes applications from all. Applications from women, those with a disability and members of minority ethnic groups who are currently under-represented at senior levels in the research and innovation community are therefore especially encouraged.

Responsibilities of Members of the Programme Committee

- Serious commitment to participate actively in Programme Committee business, providing timely advice and recommendations;
- Acting as an ambassador/advocate for the ICMS within the international mathematical sciences community;
- Supporting, advising and challenging the Director to ensure the high quality of the research programme at the ICMS;
- Operating across the remit of the ICMS rather than as an advocate for specific disciplines or sub-disciplines;
- Actively participating in the Programme Committee's evaluation and planning efforts;
- Highlighting opportunities for the ICMS and helping to form strategies for acting on these opportunities;
- Declaring conflicts of interest and being sensitive to the judgement of others in discussions, particularly where a potential conflict arises;
- Willingness and ability to provide other ad hoc advice and support to the ICMS in the development of policy and practice.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

Applications are sought from individuals who possess a range of expertise and experience in research and innovation across the mathematical sciences.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the following criteria:

Essential

- A commitment to the ICMS's mission and priorities;
- Broad familiarity of the UK mathematical sciences community;
- A clear understanding of the current state of mathematical sciences research, the role of interdisciplinary research, and the applications of the mathematical sciences;

- An excellent record of research in the mathematical sciences and an ability to advise on new opportunities within the remit of the ICMS;
- An awareness of barriers to progress and unconscious bias, and a record of promoting inclusivity in research;
- An ability to tackle and reach decisions on complex issues.

Desirable

- Experience of working across international boundaries, particularly with regard to research collaborations and industrial outreach;
- Knowledge of the decision-making process for publicly funded research and the associated strategic issues, for example alternative funding sources;

HOW TO APPLY

If you would like to discuss making an application we recommend that you please contact either the ICMS Centre Manager, Jane Walker (jane.walker@icms.org.uk), or the Director, Minhyong Kim (minhyong.kim@icms.org.uk). To apply, candidates should submit a short CV and covering letter to the ICMS by email to georgie.colt@icms.org.uk by end of the day 31 July, 2024. The covering letter is an opportunity for candidates to demonstrate how they meet the person specification. Once the deadline has passed, receipt of applications (covering letter and CV) will be acknowledged and then passed to the Nominating Committee (see below) to review the applications against the person specification. The Chair of the Nominating Committee will make the proposed recommendation of appointments to the ICMS Management Committee. The outcome of the decision will be communicated to candidates by the week commencing 2 September, 2024.

The members of Nominating Committee for ICMS committee appointments are:

Helen Wilson, University College London, Chair

Sophie Carr, Bays Consulting

Minhyong Kim, Director, ICMS

Jane Walker, ICMS Centre Manager

Katrin Wendland, Trinity College Dublin