

Head of School, School of Mathematics and Statistics
Faculty of Science
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About the opportunity

The University of Sydney is Australia's premier University with an outstanding global reputation for academic and research excellence. It employs over 7,500 permanent staff supporting over 70,000 students.

The Faculty of Science is one of six faculties operating within the University and includes the Schools of Chemistry, Geosciences, Life and Environmental Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, Physics, Psychology, History and Philosophy of Science and the Sydney School of Veterinary Science. The faculty stewards a range of research entities including the Sydney Institute of Agriculture and the Lambert Initiative for Cannabinoid Therapeutics, and partners with University-wide research centres including the Charles Perkins Centre (CPC), the Brain and Mind Centre (BMC) and The University of Sydney Nano Institute (Sydney Nano).

The School of Mathematics and Statistics is one of the largest mathematical sciences schools in Australia and is world-renowned for its research in pure mathematics, applied mathematics and mathematical statistics. The school attracts a strong body of excellent students as well as a large number of outstanding researchers, many of whom hold Fellowships and grants. The school has more than 89 academic staff to supervise research and teaching of 82 postgraduate students and 1,620 equivalent full-time student-load undergraduate students.

We are seeking to appoint a distinguished academic as Head of School, School of Mathematics and Statistics, who will join the leadership team of the Faculty of Science. The successful applicant will be responsible for the school's academic teaching, learning and research performance outcomes that support the overall faculty strategic goals, maintaining accreditation standards (where appropriate), the student experience, meeting financial targets and the workplace culture. The position has formal financial and people delegations and is responsible for effective decision making to ensure financial sustainability. The successful applicant will contribute to the attraction, appointment, development and retention of talented staff who are able to attract and develop talented students. The successful applicant will also help to promote the school's, the faculty's and the University's reputation for excellence and its national and international academic standing.

The successful applicant must have a wide network of established relationships with key academic, industry and professional institutions, partners and stakeholders, that can be leveraged to enhance the standing of the school, faculty and University.

About us

Since our inception 160 years ago, the University of Sydney has led to improve the world around us. We believe in education for all and that effective leadership makes lives better. These same values are reflected in our approach to diversity and inclusion, and underpin our long-term strategy for growth.

We are undergoing significant transformative change which brings opportunity for innovation, progressive thinking, breaking with convention, challenging the status quo, and improving the world around us.

Term and remuneration

The headship is available for a term of four years in the first instance, with the possibility of renewal, subject to negotiation. The successful candidate will also be offered a professorial appointment in an appropriate discipline in the school and will retain that position at the conclusion of their headship. An attractive remuneration package will be offered.

Apply

The University has engaged executive search firm Heidrick & Struggles to assist with this appointment. Heidrick & Struggles will support the selection committee to identify the widest possible field of qualified candidates and to assess candidates against the requirements for the role.

All enquiries should be directed in confidence to:

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Applications close on **Sunday 13 October 2019**. It is anticipated that interviews will take place in **November 2019** in Sydney.

The University of Sydney is committed to diversity and social inclusion. Applications from people of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; equity target groups including women, people with disabilities, people who identify as LGBTIQ; and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, are encouraged.

The University reserves the right not to proceed with any appointment.

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