

ROLE DESCRIPTION: PRO CHANCELLOR

Aberystwyth University's Pro Chancellor is one of the ceremonial heads of the Institution and is appointed by the University's Council. The Pro-Chancellors carry out a number of functions in a ceremonial capacity, as may be determined by Council. They may also be called upon to deputise for the Chancellor, as required.

TERM OF OFFICE:

Three years, with the option of reappointment for a second term of up to three years.

TIME COMMITMENT:

A minimum of 4 days in Aberystwyth. The Pro-Chancellor should demonstrate an ongoing commitment to Aberystwyth University throughout the year and may be called upon to represent the University at events in Aberystwyth, and beyond.

REMUNERATION:

This is a non-remunerated role. However, out-of-pocket expenses can be reclaimed where expenditure is incurred during the course of carrying out duties in relation to this role.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT:

By Council, on the recommendation of a Selection Committee.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Pro-Chancellor shall:

1. Work with the Chancellor to undertake the honorary functions required in the role, such as preside at Degree Congregations of the University.
2. Undertake activities on behalf of the University in an ambassadorial capacity and influence key stakeholders, as required.
3. Have a strong personal commitment to Education and the purpose, ambitions and values of Aberystwyth University.
4. Endeavour to establish a constructive and supportive working relationship with the Chancellor, other Pro-Chancellor(s), and Chair of Council, as well as with the Vice-Chancellor, Clerk to the Council, and team. However, the Pro-Chancellor must also recognise the proper separation between honorific leadership, governance and executive management.
5. Demonstrate a commitment to the University's duty to promote and encourage the Welsh language and culture. The Pro-Chancellor may be required to speak in Welsh and English in University events. They will be fully briefed and prepared by the University to enable them to carry out this role effectively.

Please note that the above list is not, and is not intended to be, an exhaustive description of the duties involved. Further information regarding the appointment process for the role of the Pro-Chancellor is outlined in [Ordinance 2](#).

CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

All persons appointed as Pro-Chancellor of Aberystwyth shall be required, before any appointment is made, to disclose any information that may be of relevance to their position as Pro-Chancellor. This shall include any interest, financial or otherwise, that is likely or could be perceived as likely to interfere with the individual independent judgement. Such information shall be made known to the Council at the time of the appointment or reappointment.

APPLICATIONS

The University is inviting applications for the role of Pro-Chancellor at Aberystwyth University from 01 January 2026. Applications should set out an individual's experience and suitability for appointment and be submitted to the University Secretary (saastaff@aber.ac.uk), along with a CV, by **12.00pm, 16.09.2025**.

Appointment Process

w/c 22.9.2025 - Informal discussion with Selection Committee members

07.10.2025 – Council meeting to consider the recommendations of the Selection Committee.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

Aberystwyth University is committed to promoting equality and diversity, and endeavours to be inclusive, valuing the diversity of its staff, students and community.

Where appropriate, all reasonable adjustments are made to enable the Pro-Chancellor to effectively carry out their duties.

INDUCTION

All appointees receive an induction which is tailored to their individual requirements.

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