

Vacancy: Governor – Finance

We are looking for a volunteer to join our Board of Governors, with knowledge, skills and experience of budget management, financial planning and financial control.

We are looking for an individual who:

- Has leadership experience from a senior position in commercial finance and the ability to contribute to a strategic view of the College's finances
- Can lead oversight and challenge of finance management and reporting
- Holds an accountancy qualification
- Can support 'non finance' governors in understanding the College finances

This is a fantastic opportunity to join our Board of Governors and, in collaboration with the executive team, make a genuine impact on the future success of the college and its students.

Equality, diversity and inclusion matter to us. We want a diverse Board where each member brings their way of thinking, identity, and personal experience to the discussion. We want our Board and committee members to reflect the communities we serve.

If you are interested in learning more about the role please contact the Clerk to Governors - tian.bersey@cornwall.ac.uk

Role Description - Governor

The work of our Governors is central to the success of The Cornwall College Group. The Board comprises of twenty Governors including the Principal and Chief Executive, students and staff members.

Governors are collectively responsible for determining the strategic direction of the College, oversight of its activities, effective and efficient use of its resources, the solvency of the institution, and safeguarding its assets.

The Governors of The Cornwall College Group come from a variety of backgrounds and have a wide range of skills, knowledge and experiences. Governors are unpaid and act in a voluntary capacity. They are required to act in the best interests of the College and to comply with a code of conduct.

Governors provide expertise in their area and ensure the collaboration of governors is effective and of the highest standards. They work as a coherent unit, and in close partnership with the senior management team, to achieve the College's strategic objectives.

Characteristics and qualities needed

- A strong sense of demonstrable commitment to the community the College seeks to serve.
- An interest in wider educational matters.
- Integrity consistent with public service and accountability.
- Broad experience of life to aid balanced judgement and a common-sense approach.
- A specific skill, professional qualification and/or experience to contribute to the mix and range of members' abilities.
- An ability to assess complex issues.
- Active links with community groups and/or industry.
- Sufficient time to give to meetings and events.

It is an offence to apply for the role if you have been barred from engaging in regulated activity relevant to children.

Commitment required of Governors

Time is needed both to attend meetings and for preparation and reading the papers which are sent out approximately one week before meetings. Governors are asked to attend approximately 9 meetings a year (including four Board meetings, a Board away day and four meetings of a committee) and complete some training for the role. Board meetings take place on a Friday 10am – 1pm on a campus and Committee meetings take place on a Monday 5.30pm – 7.30pm online. Governors are also encouraged to attend 3 campus visits a year and are invited to stakeholder events.

Induction and development

In welcoming new Governors an induction programme is provided and adapted to suit individual needs. Governors are also supported with training and development events and arranged visits to different campuses to meet both student and staff.