

**CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**  
**Post Specification for Dean, School of Creative Media**

**The University**

City University of Hong Kong (CityU) is funded by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region through the University Grants Committee of Hong Kong. As a publicly funded institution, the University is committed to nurturing and developing students' talents and creating applicable knowledge to support social and economic advancement. It is a dynamic, fast-growing university that is pursuing excellence in research and professional education. CityU has a growing international reputation and aspires to become a leading global university. It has made giant strides in the recent world university ranking exercises. It has been ranked 48<sup>th</sup> in world university rankings, and 4<sup>th</sup> among the world's top 50 universities under the age of 50 in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) 2021 survey. Besides, it has been ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the World's Most International Universities according to THE 2020 survey, 1<sup>st</sup> in Engineering/Technology/Computer Sciences in Hong Kong according to ARWU 2016 survey and 1<sup>st</sup> Business School in Asia-Pacific region according to UT Dallas 2019 survey.

**Academic Structure**

The University has five Colleges (Business, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Science, Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences) and four Schools (Creative Media, Data Science, Energy and Environment, Law). The University offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes. The Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine programme commencing in the academic year 2017/18 represents a milestone in the development of veterinary education in Hong Kong and the region.

The Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies strengthens the operation and development of all postgraduate programmes and fosters a nurturing ambiance for graduate studies.

**The Campus**

Strategically located in Hong Kong, the University is close to the Kowloon Tong station of the Mass Transit Railway and is readily accessible from all parts of the city. Its purpose-built campus offers state-of-the-art learning, teaching and research facilities in a high-technology environment, supported by an advanced computing network system. All facilities are within easy distance, enabling active staff-student interactions and participation in various on-campus activities.

The University has launched ambitious campus development plans to make better use of available space and provide top-quality facilities for its faculty and students. The state-of-the-art Run Run Shaw Creative Media Centre building, Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building and Lau Ming Wai Academic Building were completed. These projects collectively add 60 percent more space to the campus for academic pursuits.

**Quality Education**

The University offers professional education to prepare its students for the challenges and exciting opportunities emerging in Hong Kong, the Asia-Pacific region and throughout the world. Through its extensive links with relevant industries, the University provides opportunities for students to work with and learn from professionals in the workplace.

The University has a strong team of experienced, globally-recruited academic staff with diverse research interests and professional expertise. Employing interactive, IT-based teaching methodologies, students acquire a first-rate grounding in their chosen subjects and the life-long learning skills needed for the real world. The University's unique Discovery-enriched Curriculum has the goal of giving all students the chance to make an original discovery.

**Research**

The University sees research as one of the key elements in its strategy to become a leading university in the region. The University concentrates its resources to achieve excellence in selected areas of research, and focuses on applied research with direct local and regional relevance. Over the past few years, the University has secured significant external funding from the University Grants Committee's General Research Fund and other sources to pursue relevant projects. Research institutes/centres have been established to provide the focus for interdisciplinary research in selected areas with the capacity and potential for international competitiveness.

An **Institute for Advanced Study** has been set up to gather some of the best minds in science and engineering, to pursue curiosity-driven ideas and studies, and to conduct unfettered research based on free and deep thinking. The University also obtained approval from the Ministry of Science and Technology of China to establish two State Key Laboratories and one Chinese National Engineering Research Center at the University: the **State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves**, the **State Key Laboratory of Marine Pollution** and the **Hong Kong Branch of National Precious Metals Material Engineering Research Center**. To extend the University's research impact beyond Hong Kong, two institutes are set up in the Mainland China, the **Shenzhen Research Institute** and the **Chengdu Research Institute**, providing permanent platforms for the research and development, incubation and innovation, as well as professional education and training in the Mainland.

*(More information about the University is available at <http://www.cityu.edu.hk>)*

## School of Creative Media

Being the first such institution in the region, the School was founded to nurture a new generation of interdisciplinary artists and creative media professionals, and to develop new ideas and technologies for the creative industries in Hong Kong, Mainland China, and abroad. Now over two decades later, it continues to espouse and advance these aims as the clear leader in its field. Students are trained across disciplines spanning computer science, visual arts and design, creative writing, cultural studies and digital technology. The School bridges the boundaries between art and science as well as integrating traditional and new media. It values applied creativity, cultural awareness, and critical thinking as much as business sense and entrepreneurial success. Its internationally recruited faculty members are amongst the foremost artists and researchers in the field, and they have brought a global perspective and forged many institutional partnerships for the School. Graduates have consistently demonstrated high employability, with over 90% now working as independent artists and professionals in the creative industries, film, television, advertising, publishing, gaming, media production and post-production. Many have won prestigious international and local awards for creative and technical innovation.

## Job Specification

### The Position

**Title:** Dean, School of Creative Media

**Reports to:** Provost

**Key Areas of Responsibility:** The Dean will provide visionary leadership for the School, in alignment with the mission and Strategic Plan of the University. In collaboration with the School's faculty and other academic units, the Dean will advance the School's academic excellence in research and professional education, and further its international standing.

### **Specific Responsibilities:**

- (1) Contribute to the wider strategic development of the University through university-wide planning and policy development;
- (2) Provide a vision and leadership for the School for advancement in teaching and scholarship;
- (3) In collaboration with the faculty, establish new research opportunities for the School and direct its growth and development;
- (4) Provide leadership on fiscal management, faculty development, and administration of the School;
- (5) Promote innovation through the delivery of degrees at the highest standard whilst embracing new directions, ideas and opportunities;
- (6) Act as a major liaison between the School and the external community, and play an energetic role in further strengthening the School's external relationships;
- (7) Promote interdisciplinary collaborations within the School and across the campus.

### The Person

#### **Qualifications and Experience:**

- (1) A doctoral degree and strong academic and professional qualifications, a distinguished record of teaching, research and scholarship, and substantial relevant experience in academic leadership roles;
- (2) Experience in representing a university effectively, with attention to its varied constituents, external bodies, and the public;
- (3) Experience in building and sustaining strong ties to a broad corporate and NGO network for programme development.

#### **Competencies and Personal Characteristics:**

- (1) Strategic thinking and planning skills coupled with strong commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration and teamwork;
- (2) Capability to provide a vision for the School, and to build on and expand the School's strengths;
- (3) Ability to attract, motivate and retain distinguished faculty members;
- (4) Outstanding management skills appropriate to working in an international environment with ability to create a shared sense of ownership, collegiality and enthusiasm among faculty and staff members;
- (5) Strong communication and networking skills to build and nurture internal and external contacts to the benefit of the School and the University.

## Salary and Conditions of Service

The appointee will be offered appointment to an academic rank commensurate with qualifications and experience. The deanship appointment will be on a concurrent basis for an initial period of about three years. An attractive remuneration package, driven by market competitiveness and individual performance, will be offered. Excellent fringe benefits include gratuity, leave, medical and dental schemes, and relocation assistance (where applicable).

## Application and Information

Further information on the post is available at <http://www.cityu.edu.hk>, or from the Human Resources Office, City University of Hong Kong, Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong [Email : [hrcsmsearch@cityu.edu.hk](mailto:hrcsmsearch@cityu.edu.hk)/Fax : (852) 2788 1154 or (852) 3442 0311].

To apply, please submit an online application at <http://jobs.cityu.edu.hk>, and include a current curriculum vitae, a statement of qualifications, and vision statement for the Dean's role. Nominations can be sent directly to the Human Resources Office, or by email to "[hrcsmsearch@cityu.edu.hk](mailto:hrcsmsearch@cityu.edu.hk)". **The screening process will continue until the position is filled.** The University's privacy policy is available on the homepage.

Candidates are requested to supply a publication list, where appropriate, in the following manner:

- (1) List of publications under the following headings and in chronological order - books, book chapters, journal articles, conference proceedings, reports, letters or short communications. Please also list the order of authors as they appear and the percentage of contribution in such publications.
- (2) Highlight the most recent five papers or five papers containing the candidate's most significant work in the publication list with asterisks. Published reviews or citations of the work may also be provided in support of its significance.

Candidates selected for the final interview may be invited to visit the University.

City University of Hong Kong is an equal opportunity employer and we are committed to the principle of diversity.

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