

UCML Executive Committee

NOMINATION FORM

Autumn 2021 elections (post effective from 22nd November 2021)

If you wish to stand for election as the representative for Area Studies, please return this form. Your nomination should be supported by a proposer and seconder who are based in institutions or associations that are members of UCML or of a recognised academic institution/subject association. The form should be returned electronically to UCML's Hon Secretary, Dr Marcela Cazzoli at marcela.a.cazzoli@durham.ac.uk

Deadline for return of nominations: Thursday 21st October 2021

UCML representative for Wales

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Proposed by: Dr. Catherine Chabert

Institution: Cardiff University, School of Modern Languages

Seconded by: Dr Rhodri Morgan

Institution: Pro Vice Chancellor and Director of Lifelong Learning, Aberystwyth University

Candidate's election statement should include present post, relevant experience and expectations. Candidates are advised to read the relevant role profile and the UCML Constitution and Standing Orders to inform their candidature.

(Candidate's statement should not exceed 150 words. It will be posted on the UCML website.)

My broad experience of University language programmes, from Lifelong Learning, University-Wide Language Programmes to degrees, has equipped me with the required knowledge and understanding of what works well in Wales. I have closely worked with HEFCW on outreach provision to Welsh schools, and I strongly believe in offering progression routes to appeal to all types of potential students and support recruitment. Through the Language Exchange Platform I developed in 2015, for which I obtained a national UALL award, Aberystwyth students now have regular contact with students across Europe.

Having worked in Aberystwyth for over 15 years, I am also very aware of the importance and value of decentralisation, and this will be at the forefront of my approach to the role.

Building on my experience, I intend to continue the work of our predecessor, and enhance collaboration with Modern Languages Institutions across Wales and the UK, in all areas.