

UCML Executive Committee

Elections Summer 2022



ROLE PROFILE: Middle Eastern Studies Representative on the Executive Committee

UCML is run by a Steering Group and a wider Executive Committee, as specified in the revised Constitution and Standing Orders approved at the AGM in July 2021. This role profile should be read in conjunction with the Constitution and Standing Orders available to download from: <http://www.ucml.ac.uk/about.html>

The Steering Group is made up of

- The Chair
- Vice Chair, Research
- Vice Chair, Language and Intercultural Education
- Vice Chair, Engagement and External Communication
- Hon. Secretary
- Hon. Treasurer

The Executive Committee consists of representatives of numerous specialist interest/discipline specific constituencies. Elected representatives have responsibility for ensuring regular two-way communications between the Executive and all relevant institutional/associate members within their area of representation, particularly (but not exclusively) those listed in the Standing Orders.

The Middle Eastern Studies Representative is specifically (but not exclusively) responsible for liaison with Cultural Institutes and Embassies as relevant, as well as

- British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES)
- British Association of Teachers of Arabic (BATA)
- British Association for Turkish Area Studies (BATAS)

To fulfil this role, the elected representative should

- Endeavour to attend all meetings, or send apologies to the Chair for absences;
- Prepare for the meeting by reading the agenda, papers and any emails in advance;
- Submit reports to the Honorary Secretary and Project Coordinator by the deadline indicated;
- Establish active and effective communications with key individuals within the bodies represented, ensuring that they are aware of who their representative is and their role within UCML;
- Ensure that the Executive Committee is aware of issues of interest to the constituency;
- Regularly report back to their constituency on pertinent issues discussed at UCML meetings, sharing with them minutes and reports;
- Build contacts and foster relationships within Higher Education Institutions which have active departments/research clusters/programmes within the fields covered by UCML;

- Actively canvass opinions within the constituency on issues being championed by UCML;
- Promote the benefits of membership of UCML by ensuring active representation of issues and perspectives conveyed by individuals and associations in the constituency discipline.

Ordinary Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for three years and may be elected for a further year, after which they shall relinquish membership of the Executive Committee for no less than one year. No member may serve on the Steering Group/Executive Committee for more than a total of eight consecutive years. Terms of office will normally coincide with the academic year. Those taking up office part way through the year will be deemed to have begun their term of office in the September subsequent to their election.