

Nominee

Name	Job Title	Department/Section
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Nominee Personal Statement

Essex is a University shaped by people who care. That spirit exists across our community, especially within Professional Services, where colleagues do the often unseen work that keeps the University running and makes possible our mission to deliver excellence in both education and research.

The next few years will shape the future direction of Essex, and the kind of University it continues to be for those who study and work here. Our long-term success depends on balancing ambition with stability while also investing in the values and sense of community that make Essex an institution people are proud to be part of.

I have been fortunate to experience Essex as both a student and a member of Professional Services staff. Since joining the University in 2010, I have studied across two faculties, gaining a Mathematics PhD and an MBA from Essex Business School, giving me an analytical and evidence-based approach to decision-making and governance.

My first role at Essex was in timetabling, where I gained an understanding of the scale and complexity of the University. I then moved into health and safety, and for the last six years have worked with colleagues at all levels across the breadth of Professional Services, supporting problem-solving and decision-making. This has given me experience of both the bigger picture and the practical realities of how different parts of the University operate day to day.

I value the opportunities my roles at Essex give me to contribute to wider University life, from supporting open day planning to volunteering at graduation. Since 2020 I have served as Co-Chair of the Essex Access Forum, supporting improvements in accessibility and helping ensure barriers experienced by staff and students remain part of wider University discussion and decision-making. I am also a volunteer and trustee for several charities.

As Essex continues to evolve, strong governance is more important than ever. I care deeply about Essex, the people who make it what it is, and its future. This University has shaped a significant part of my life, and I would be proud to help shape its future.