

UCML Executive Committee

NOMINATION FORM

Winter 2019 elections (post effective from 31 July 2019)

If you wish to stand for election as the representative for VC Education, 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, Prof Naomi Segal at: ucml@bbk.ac.uk

Deadline for return of nominations: 5th March 2019

UCML Vice-chair for Language & Intercultural Education

Nominee's name: Professor Vicky Wright

Institutional affiliation: Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics, University of Southampton

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Proposed by: Dr John Morley

Institution: University of Manchester

Seconded by: Dr James Minney

Institution: University of Southampton

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.)

The latest surveys of language take-up in UK schools show that numbers are still in decline; with up to 50% fewer pupils taking GCSE since 2013. Recent Government investment is welcome, but it remains urgent that we work together to make a new case for language and intercultural learning across sectors and that universities take a lead.

My previous national roles (Deputy Director of Routes into Languages; Language coordinator for the LLAS Subject Centre; Trustee of the Association for Language Learning, member of the AULC Committee and UNILANG working group) and current roles as Director of Language Strategy at Southampton and Director of Routes South East have given me experience of working with key stakeholders, sharing good practice and feeding into national policy. If elected, I would use this

E.g. BBC Analysis, 27th February: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-47334374>

experience (and experience of technology-based and distance learning) to represent UCML, lead on all related issues and oversee the Routes programme.