

## **Chancellor of the University of Reading**

The Chancellor acts as the ceremonial figurehead of the University, and is an important ambassador for the institution. The Chancellor is an Officer of the University who presides at meetings of Court, and is an advocate for the University, helping raise its profile.

This honorary role has no governance or management responsibilities, and is unremunerated, though reasonable expenses will be met.

The term of office is for five years, which may, exceptionally, be renewed for no more than a further five years, on the express decision of the Council. This period will mean that the next Chancellor will be involved in presiding over some of the events which will mark the University's centenary year in 2026.

### **Responsibilities:**

- To act as an ambassador and advocate for the University
- To promulgate the achievements and profile of the University nationally and internationally
- To speak with passion and knowledge in at least one area of particular importance to the University, which could be education, climate change, local community, mental wellbeing or social mobility
- To help the University achieve its global ambitions  
To be an inspirational role model to the various constituencies the University serves, including most obviously its students and its local, national and international stakeholders
- To serve as President of the Court of the University (the Court being an annual meeting for the University to share its achievements and to engage with alumni and the local community)
- To preside over some of the events which will mark the University's centenary year in 2026
- To confer degrees at the University's graduation ceremonies
- To host a number of alumni events
- To host a number of other events which celebrate the achievements of the University such as the annual Chancellor's awards to students

### **Person specification:**

- Commitment to the importance of higher education
- Sharing the University of Reading's values

- Passion about and knowledge of one of the in at least one area of particular importance to the University, which could be education, climate change, local community, mental wellbeing or social mobility
- Ideally an existing relationship to the University of Reading, be that as an engaged alumnus or in some other capacity, but if no such relationship exists, then a commitment to developing such a relationship
- Through their existing networks, ability to influence some groups of stakeholders
- Good public speaker
- In possession of a positive public profile that will inspire staff and students
- No conflict of interest (for example being a current member of staff)