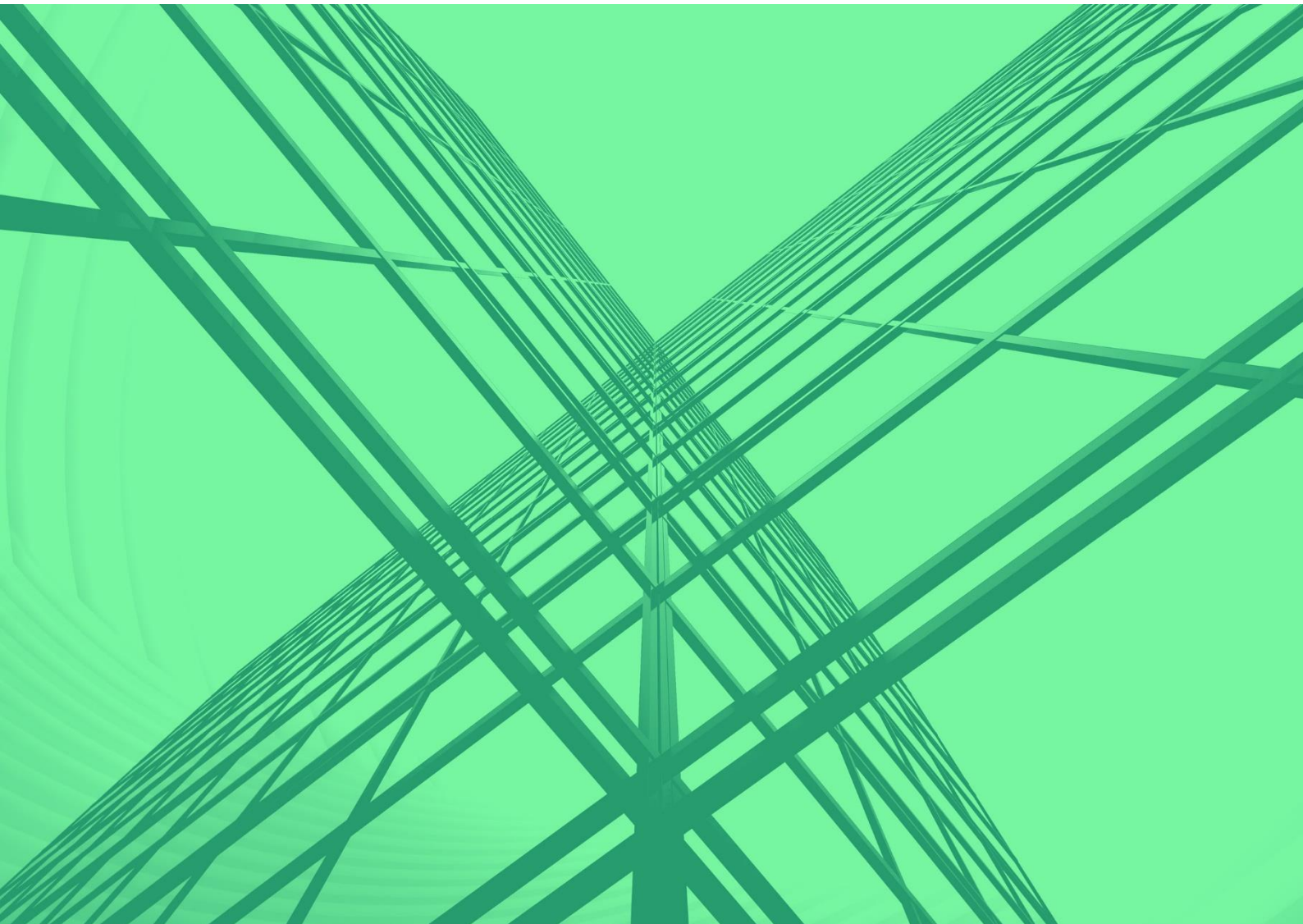


Professional Review and CPD Executive

CANDIDATE PACK

Full Time

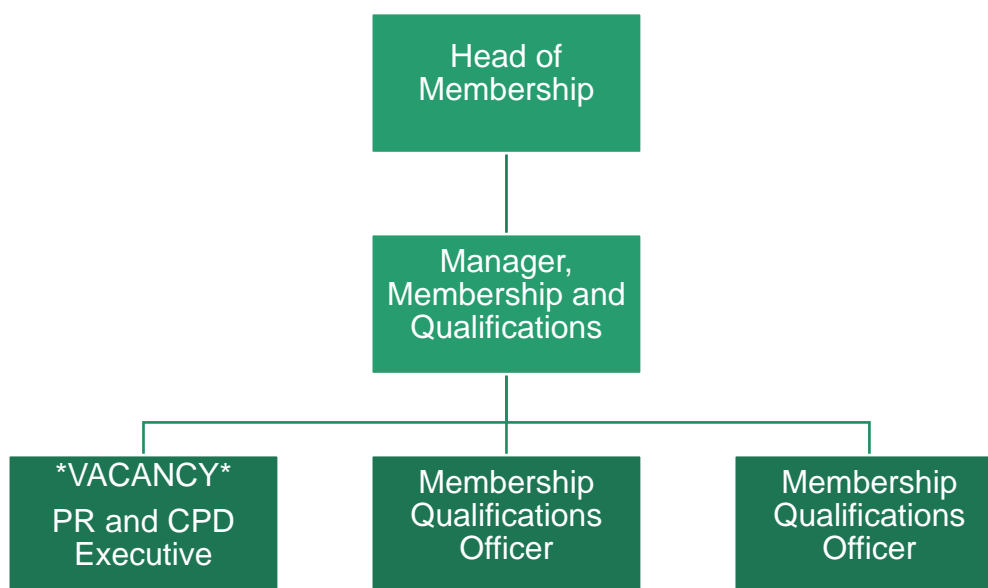
35 hours per week



The Membership Promotion and Support Team

Our Membership Promotion and Support team are a small team of four that report into the Head of Membership and Education and sit within the wider Membership and Education Directorate.

The team's objectives vary, from supporting our members to become professionally qualified, to developing and retaining members through the provision of training and Continuing Professional Development (CPD). They also provide guidance and information to current and prospective members to prepare them for a career in structural engineering.



Although it's imperative to work collaboratively as a team, being able to work proficiently and independently is necessary to succeed in this role. This is a very busy role which involves managing two key areas of the membership process and requires the ability to efficiently multitask. You must be confident in managing your own workload to meet the needs of your key stakeholders and of the wider Institution.

As the Professional Review and CPD Executive, your main contribution will come from managing activities in relation to Initial Professional Development (IPD), the Professional Review Interview (PRI), and Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

To achieve one of the Institution's professional membership grades, the assessment is through a Professional Review process which includes an interview and exam. The PRI tests, IPD and experience against a set criterion of Core Objectives required to becoming professionally qualified. Having attained one of our grades, members must complete a specified amount of CPD each year. On an annual basis we require a certain number of our members to submit their CPD records for audit. The success of this process is crucial; if members fail to engage, it could mean having their membership removed.

Part of this role would be to act as secretary to the [Professional Development Panel](#) who develop our professional development policy and promote the benefits of CPD to members.

Why work for the Institution?

Working for the Institution of Structural Engineers is an opportunity to learn, develop and make a difference.

Join our team of approximately 65 employees and help support our vision to lead, support and nurture the development of structural engineering worldwide.

Our head office is only a short walk from Barbican, Old Street and Farringdon. It's bright, modern and open-plan, supporting a collaborative environment.

We pride ourselves on the flexibility we can provide to our staff and offer a wide variety of benefits to enhance your work life balance and wellbeing as detailed later in this pack.

To thrive with us, bring:

- An open-minded and flexible approach. Enhance our diverse and inclusive team.
- A creative attitude to work. Help us strengthen and improve in a workplace where you are encouraged to innovate and share new ideas.
- Enthusiasm and commitment. Provide our members with the best service possible to maintain our worldwide respected status.
- A friendly and communicative approach. Fit in to our small organisation where staff know each other well and strive to work collaboratively.
- The ambition to take on new challenges. We always look to the future to embrace change, so we continue to evolve.

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Job description and person specification

1. Job details

Job title:	Professional Review and CPD Executive
Reports to:	Manager of Membership & Qualification
Date:	August 2021
Location:	The Institution's HQ, London or elsewhere as reasonably required.

2. Job purpose

To efficiently undertake the day-to-day operational activities of the Institution's application, professional review and election processes.

To manage departmental activities in relation to Professional Review Interviews (PRI) and Initial Professional Development (IPD).

To manage the Institution's Continuous Professional Development (CPD) policy, assessment and audit.

To continuously review and improve processes in relation to PRI, IPD and CPD.

3. Role and responsibilities

1. Manage and support the promotion of the Institution's CPD policy; ensuring the mandatory CPD campaign is communicated, reviewing and improving the process, distributing CPD records for assessment and managing the audit of CPD records.
2. Act as Secretary to the Professional Development Panel (PDP) which includes the production of agendas, papers, minutes, reports and the completion of tasks/actions as directed by the Panel or line manager.
3. Manage the Professional Reviews by processing all Professional Review applications for Chartered and Associate-Member and assist in the processing of other applications as determined by the line manager and departmental need.
4. Manage the distribution of applications to the PRI coordinators, reviewing and processing of all results, ensuring the training of all reviewers is undertaken and monitoring consistency.
5. Produce statistics and monitor trends for the Professional Review Interview, CPD and any other statistics as required.

6. Organise the Annual PRI Seminar including the preparation of agendas, papers (as appropriate), minutes and reports.
7. Act as the first point of contact and respond to queries relating to PRI, CPD and IPD.
8. Promote membership and provide guidance on IPD and PRI to individuals and companies in the form of presentations or visits. Engage with Regional Groups to provide and deliver presentations to support applicants and/or the reviewer community.
9. Work collaboratively with the Membership and Education Department and other departments/panels/committees as appropriate.

4. General responsibilities

1. Support the Manager of Membership & Qualifications in meeting departmental targets.
2. Develop an in depth understanding of academic qualifications and a broad knowledge of routes to membership.
3. Make suggestions for improving processes, systems etc. which support the efficiency and day-to-day running of the department.
4. Comply with all Institution Policy and Procedures.
5. Any other reasonable ad hoc duties as required.

5. Communications and working relationships

1. Members of the Institution both existing and potential.
2. Committees and panels in particular the Professional Development Panel.
3. Employees and other departments within the Institution.
4. External Bodies e.g. universities, Engineering Council and companies.

6. Knowledge, skills and experience required

Criteria	Essential/Desirable
<u>Qualifications and Knowledge</u>	
Educated to degree level or vocational equivalent.	D
In-depth knowledge and understanding of academic qualifications relating to Further Education and Higher Education sectors	D
Knowledge of the civil/structural engineering discipline	D
Knowledge of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) processes	D
<u>Skills</u>	
Excellent organisational skills with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision. Use a systemised/methodical approach to managing a multi-stream and complex workload with capability to work under pressure to meet tight deadlines.	E
Excellent written and oral communication skills with the ability to present and explain detailed information clearly and succinctly.	E
Excellent interpersonal skills with the confidence to work with internal and external stakeholders	E
Attention to detail, accuracy and ability to check detailed information, able to critique own work and the work of others.	E
Flexible, resourceful and self-motivated with a passion to deliver an excellent level of service to the members and provide membership support. Ability to work in a small team and collaboratively with other departments, committees and members.	E
Appetite to learn, build on knowledge and current experience to further develop an understanding of academic qualifications and routes to membership	E
IT Skills:	
Word and Outlook to advanced standard	E
Excel and PowerPoint to intermediate standard	E
<u>Experience</u>	
Using CRM systems to update information, process and input applications, ensuring effective data maintenance	E
Acting as a first point of contact providing information and guidance to external existing and potential clients/members and educational establishments	E
Delivering administrative and secretariat support including the preparation of agendas, producing minutes, letters and report writing	E
Working in a professional membership environment, engineering/construction or an examination/awarding body/regulator	D

Criteria	Essential/Desirable
Managing the processing and auditing of CPD records (or a similar audit process.)	D
Reviewing and regularly improving processes	D
Working with volunteers associated with a review process and managing their performance	D
Preparing and delivering presentations	D

Other

The job holder may be required to travel in the UK to deliver presentations to organisations and attend meetings.

This job description does not form part of the contract of employment and may be subject to change.

Salary and package details

Salary: £27,000 - £30,000 per annum subject to experience

Contract: Full time – 35 hours a week within a flexi-time system

Benefits: The Institution offers a range of non-contractual discretionary benefits including:

From the join date:

- 23 days annual leave per annum plus bank holidays, rising with service; pro rata annual leave and bank holidays for part time hours
- Flexible working system whereby additional hours worked may be accrued and taken as flexi-leave
- Life Insurance – death benefit subject to scheme eligibility rules

From the successful completion of the probation period, whilst provided at the Institution's discretion, may be subject to scheme eligibility rules:

- Participate in the Institution's pension plan arrangements
- Private Medical Insurance
- Health Cash Plan
- Permanent Health Insurance
- Season Ticket Loan
- Reimbursement of one membership subscription to an agreed appropriate professional association, including this Institution.

The Institution reserves the right to exercise its discretion to amend or withdraw any or all of the above benefits.

How to apply; the recruitment process

Please submit an up-to-date CV and cover letter demonstrating how you meet the knowledge, skills and experience required for the role as described in the job description. The cover letter should be no more than 500 words.

To apply please see our [website](#).

On receipt, your application will be sifted by the recruitment panel and assessed against the criteria for the role. All successfully shortlisted candidates will be contacted by telephone and invited for interview. We reserve the right to close or extend this position depending on application numbers. Therefore, we would urge candidates to apply as soon as possible.

If you have not heard from the Institution within two weeks of your application, it is with regret that you have been unsuccessful on this occasion. Due to the volume of applications we receive we cannot write to all applicants.

Applicants must possess a current right to work in the UK.

The Institution does not hold a visa sponsor licence, therefore, applicants who do not have the right to work in the UK and/or require visa sponsorship in order to continue working in the UK cannot be considered.

The selection process will consist of a job-related assessment followed by a face to face interview with the manager for this post (Cynthia Hearing) and a member of the Human Resources Team. The interview will comprise of competency questions designed to test your skills and experience required for this role. It also gives you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the role, the team or the Institution. A second interview or assessment will be required for those that are successful at first interview.

Applicants will be asked to specify whether there are any reasonable adjustments needed for them to participate in a selection process. Wherever possible and reasonable, we will meet any declared needs.

When applying you should ensure that you are available for the provisional interview dates below:

First Interviews (remote): 26 and 27 August 2021

Second Interviews (Bastwick Street Office): 31 August 2021

The Institution of Structural Engineers

With over 32,000 members working in 105 countries, we are the world's largest membership organisation dedicated to the art and science of structural engineering.

The Institution is an internationally recognised source of expertise and information concerning all issues that involve structural engineering and public safety within the built environment.

The core work of the Institution is to support and protect the profession by upholding professional standards and acting as an international voice on behalf of structural engineers.

Governance

The Institution of Structural Engineers is governed under its Royal Charter, bye-laws and the applicable regulations.

The Institution Council consists of the President, Vice-Presidents, past Presidents, representatives of regional groups and members who are elected for a period of three years. The Institution is supported by an executive of 65 staff. The Board is the governing body of the Institution. Its members are the Institution's Trustees.

Our values

We strive towards a structural engineering profession that is built on competence, accessibility, and community.

Competence

Championing competence is at the core of everything we do.

We offer a wide range of opportunities for our members to develop, refresh and extend personal competencies. We also help members specialise by offering tailored courses, resources and specialist qualifications.

Accessibility and diversity

We are committed to making the structural engineering profession more accessible. We are constantly reviewing our routes to membership to provide flexibility in the process, offering more choice for all our candidates.

We value diversity and the perspectives people from different backgrounds bring to the engineering profession. We work with other professional bodies and our members to identify and remove barriers to anyone becoming a structural engineer.

Community

We work to create an international community of structural engineering excellence, facilitated by our digital platforms, Regional Group activity and networks of special interest.

For more detailed information about the Institution please visit our [website](#).

Organisational Structure

