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## **Role of the Vice-Chancellor**

As the senior academic and administrative officer, the Vice-Chancellor is the de facto Chief Executive of the University with overall responsibility for the leadership and management of the institution.

The University Ordinances state that the Vice-Chancellor: 'shall have a general responsibility to the Council for maintaining and promoting the efficiency and good order of the University.' He is responsible to the University Council and is an ex officio member of the Council and of the Senate, which he chairs.

The Vice-Chancellor also chairs the University Steering Group (USG), the executive leadership team which meets fortnightly during term time and advises the Vice-Chancellor on matters relating to the management of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor is responsible for:

1. Providing academic and administrative leadership and ensuring the good management of the University
2. Developing and evolving the University's strategy and vision
3. Exercising general oversight of the University's financial position in order to ensure a sustainable financial base that allows the delivery of the University's mission, aims and objectives and advising the Strategy and Resources Committee on the University's overall financial strategy and its development
4. Playing a leading part in shaping the academic development of the University
5. Promoting and marketing the University locally, nationally and internationally
6. Articulating the University's needs and interests to government, the funding bodies and research councils
7. Providing leadership and personal commitment to the University's fundraising activities and fostering strong relationships with alumni
8. Carrying out ceremonial and civic duties

As part of the University's commitment to equality and diversity within and beyond its community, individual members USG also act as diversity champions in relation to each of the nine protected characteristics. The Vice-Chancellor is one of the University's sexual orientation diversity champions.