Food & Drink Special Interest Group – Committee Chair
Volunteer Role Descriptor

1. Vacancy reference
SIG/FD/1.0

2. Background
IChemE’s global network of member community groups are central to delivering its vision of advancing chemical engineering’s contribution worldwide for the benefit of society. IChemE member community group activities are devised and delivered by members. Members groups, special interest groups (SIGs) and early careers groups create globally accessible output, local activities, and networking opportunities.

3. Duties, and responsibilities
SIG Chairs typically:
- direct the planning and delivery of an annual programme of activities supporting IChemE’s strategy
- encourage, inform, represent, and support a committee of active volunteers
- contribute to the preparation the annual plan and budget. Acting as a final decision maker where required
- support, develop and attend committee events
- encourage collaboration with others
- working within the IChemE governance framework, provide comment or opinion to other boards, committees, or forums
- ensure the interests of the group are represented at Learned Society Forum, and within the wider community
- ensure that the group operates in accordance with IChemE’s Royal Charter and By Laws

4. Appointment method
Elections for all vacant electable positions are to be conducted as part of the annual meeting, or as vacancies arise. The Food & Drink SIG annual meeting will take place on 6 June 2024. If you have any queries, please email specialinterestgroups@icheme.org

5. Period of appointment
SIG volunteers can stay in their roles for up to three years. Reappointment is possible for a second term of up to three years. A maximum of six years can be served in one position.

6. Commitment required
In taking up this voluntary unpaid position and carrying out the relevant duties, the time estimates are:
- the Chair may spend up to three days per month on IChemE business, with the ability to deputise some responsibilities where required.
7. Training
The role is fully supported by the Regions Team and IT. Training will be provided to support members in this role.
Other standard volunteer training, eg, General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) training, will be provided by IChemE. In some instances, an annual update may be required.

8. Person specification
To successfully fulfil their role and meet their responsibilities and be able to fulfil the following additional criteria:

- Chair is a Chartered member of the Institution and abide by IChemE’s By-laws.

9. Others

Benefits of volunteering
- personal satisfaction that your contribution helps to support a global network of chemical engineers
- provides extensive networking opportunities
- enhances volunteer’s own CPD for longer term career development and their professionalism in a wider context than their own specific job role / professional interests
- enhances the volunteer’s knowledge of chemical engineering and the opportunities it may offer.

Expenses
No significant expenses are expected to be incurred. IChemE policy for member and volunteer expenses outlines what costs can be recovered whilst undertaking volunteer activities on behalf of community groups.

10. Additional details

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To apply please fill out the nomination form which can be found here

Closing date: 17:00 BST, 24 May 2024

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