UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE BOARD - Register of Interests - 2026/27
(as at 05/11/26)

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Name	**Position**	**Term of Office**	**Current employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest**	**Appointments (voluntary or otherwise) e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.**	**Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.**	**Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings of more than 1% of issued capital and beneficial interests.**	**Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether these were declined or accepted in the last six months.**	**Any contractual relationship with the University, its subsidiaries or associated ventures.**	**Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above.**	Date of declaration held on file
Peter EDWARDS	**Principal and Vice-Chancellor**	01/11/25 to **31/10/27**	Principal and Vice-Chancellor University of Aberdeen	**ONE (Opportunity North East)** (Board member – Director) **Newbattle Abbey College Trust Ltd** (Director) **Universities UK (Universities Scotland)** (Trustee) **Iona Cathedral Trust** (Ex officio Trustee) **Cruickshank Botanic Gardens Trust** (Ex officio Trustee - Chair position) **Miss A H Cruickshank's Special Trust** (Ex officio Trustee **The John Gordon Charitable Fund** (Ex officio Trustee) **The Strachan & Duthie Webster Bursaries Trust** (Ex officio Trustee) **University of Aberdeen Development Trust** (Ex-officio Trustee) **The John Marnoch Memorial Trust** (Ex officio Trustee) **Mary Davidson Smith Clerical and Educational Fund for Aberdeenshire** (Ex officio Trustee) **C B Davidson Trust** (Ex officio Trustee) **NE Scotland Investment Zone Joint Committee** (Member) **Aberdeen City Region Deal Joint Committee** (Member)	Fellow of the British Computer Society (also designated CITP); Fellow of the Institution of Engineering & Technology; Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce	None	1. Chinese Tea in a presentation box (Zhaoqing Univ) 2. Plate in a display frame (Foshan Univ) 3. SCNU plate in gift box plus a ceramic mug (SCNU) 4. Jewellery Casket with geology gem stones; notebook & pen and fridge magnet; small umbrella (CUGB) 5. Wooden plate in frame (broken in transit) and a small teddy; ceramic jar with lid in presentation box; Northwest University tie in box; picture frame with Chinese shadow play; Starbucks Xi'an mug (NWU)	None	Son is currently a student at the University of Aberdeen	14/10/2026
Nicholas FORSYTH	**Provost**	from **01/03/26**	Nil	**Tissue and Engineering Society UK** - Treasurer (voluntary position within academic society); **Marine Alliance for Science and Technology for Scotland** (MASTS) - Trustee of registered charity (SC045259)and company (SC485726) on behalf of University of Aberdeen; **LectomeBio** – Director of this Private limited Company (15874777) as representative of University of Aberdeen	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	23/02/2026
Heather May MORGAN	**Vice-Principal, Regional Engagement and Innovation**	from **01/04/26**	Nil	Trustee - **The FGM Education Project** SC054187; Director - **Bulwark Services Limited** SC334570; Shareholder – **Aberdeen Sports Village**	Fellow – **Higher Education Academy** Fellow – **The Royal Society of Arts** Member – **CONVERGE Strategic Advisory Board**	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	10/04/2026
Jo-Anne MURRAY	**Vice-Principal, Education**	from **01/02/24**	Nil	**NESA Board**	Fellow of the **Society for Nutrition**; Principal Fellow of the **Higher Education Academy**	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	27/02/2026
Jason NORRIS	**Vice-Principal, Global Engagement & Partnerships**	from **01/08/26**			Member of the Royal Society of Biology					12/10/2026
Ben TATLER	**Vice-Principal, Research**	from **11/05/26**								
David BLACKBOURN	**Executive Dean - Medicine, Health & Life Sciences** (prev Head of School, Medicine, Medical Sciences & Nutrition)	from **01/10/26**	Ducentis Biotherapeutics Ltd NHS Grampian Executive coaching, ad hoc myself	Ducentis Biotherapeutics Ltd NHS Grampian myself	Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology	Nil	Nil	Nil	Director, Dioka Therapeutics Ltd Shareholding in Arcutis Biotherapeutics myself	12/10/2026
(Sarah) **Beth LORD**	**Executive Dean - Arts & Humanities** (prev Head of School, Divinity, History, Philosophy and Art History)	from **01/10/26**	Self: University of Aberdeen (employer) Spouse: University of Birmingham (employer) Mother: Lord Cultural Resources, Canada (employer) Sister-in-law: Macmillan Publishing, Spain (employer	Self: The Royal Institute of Philosophy (trustee); UKRI (appointment as deputy chair of REF sub-panel). Spouse: Aberdeen Performing Arts (trustee and director); Independent Society of Musicians Trust (trustee and director)	Self: British Society for the History of Philosophy. Spouse: Independent Society of Musicians; Royal Musical Association; Sociedad Espanola de Musicologia.	Self: Shareholder of Lord Cultural Resources, Canada. Mother: Shareholder of Lord Cultural Resources, Canada	Self: German Spinoza Society (hospitality accepted – accommodation, travel and subsistence for presenting paper at conference). Spouse: Universidad Complutense de Madrid (hospitality accepted – accommodation, travel and subsistence for presenting paper at conference)	Spouse is honorary professor of the University of Aberdeen and was formerly employed by University of Aberdeen and by AFG College, Doha		29/10/2026
David MUIRHEAD	**Executive Dean - Science & Engineering** (prev Head of School, Geosciences)	from **01/10/26**								
John SKATUN	**Executive Dean - Business, Law & Social Sciences** (prev Head of Business School)	from **01/10/26**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30/10/2026
Christine MILBURN	**Chief Governance Officer & University Secretary**	from **09/04/26**	Chief Governance Officer & University Secretary, University of Aberdeen	None	None	None	None	None	Child studying at the University of Aberdeen. Spouse works at the University of Dundee Health Informatics Centre	15/10/2026
Fraser BELL	**Chief Operating Officer**	from **01/04/25**	Nil	I am a non-executive director of **Aberdeen Sports Village**.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	23/02/2026
Nick EDWARDS	**Chief People and Student Officer**	from **03/07/26**	Chief People and Student Officer, University of Aberdeen	Trustee of the UASLAS Pension Scheme	Enrolled Solicitor and member of the **Law Society of Scotland**; Chartered Member of the **Chartered Institute of Professional Development** (CIPD)	Nil		Employment as CPSO	Nil	16/10/2026
Mark WHITE	**Chief Financial Officer**	from **16/05/22**	Nil	Director of **Kings College Centre Ltd** (November 2024); Director of **The Aberdeen University Press Ltd** (November 2024); **Director of University of Aberdeen Mumbai Campus Pte Ltd** (November 2025)	Member of the **Chartered Institute of Public Finance** (CIPFA)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	09/04/2026