



Person specification for MRS Company Partner Service Board

MRS has four positions available for experienced individuals in leadership roles within MRS Accredited Company Partner organisations to join the MRS Company Partner Service Board.

The mission of the Company Partner Service (CPS) is to provide a framework within the MRS for supply-side organisations to formally engage with MRS to represent both internally and externally the interests of the research industry and supply-side organisations.

The MRS CPS Board's mission is to liaise and engage directly with the research business and supply-side organisations to ensure that the CPS Board is representing the interests of the supply-side sector. This is achieved by:

- Proposing to the MRS Main Board initiatives to strengthen and promote research supply-side businesses.
- To provide experienced and well-informed guidance to the MRS Main Board on the operation and development of the Accredited Company Partner Service.
- To act as a conduit to the MRS Main Board to raise commercially significant issues for the sector and advise on how best MRS should respond.

The CPS Board is currently chaired by MRS Main Board Member Sinead Jefferies from Watermelon Research. MRS Main Board Member Rebecca Cole from Cobalt Sky is the deputy chair of the CPS Board. The other members of the MRS CPS Board are available on the MRS website: <https://www.mrs.org.uk/about/cps-board>

The CPS Board is specifically interested in receiving applications from candidates from the following types of supply-side organisations:

- Small businesses of less than £2mn turnover
- Data Analytics
- Qualitative Research

The CPS Board is also interested in receiving applications from businesses outside of the South East, particularly the North and South West and from Scotland and Northern Ireland.

MRS and the CPS Board is committed to equal opportunities, promoting equality, diversity and inclusion in the workplace where all individuals are treated with dignity and respect. As such we would welcome applications from all backgrounds and all sections of the CPS community.

Person specification

Applicants should:

- Work in a leadership position within a supply-side organisation which is an existing MRS Accredited Company Partner.
- Have a place on the board/senior management team of their organisation
- Have influence over the strategic direction of their organisation
- Be a leader with vision and sense of purpose for the sector
- Have an appreciation of MRS and its role in the sector



Applicants must not be current MRS Main Board members or involved in the management of other associations which are competitors of MRS.

Appointment Term

CPS Board members are retained on a voluntary basis. The appointments are for initial 3-year terms with an option to renew for a further term up to a maximum of 6 years.

Time Commitment

Up to one day per quarter on average. Meetings are currently by Zoom and remote access will be available for any future face to face meetings.

Application Timetable

Positions advertised	Tuesday 1st September
Closing date	5pm on Friday 25th September
Selection meetings	The week commencing 26th October

Application Process

Please send a short statement of no more than 500 words setting out why you are applying and how you meet the MRS CPS Board appointment criteria.

Please submit your applications to MRS Managing Director Debrah Harding (Debrah.harding@mrs.org.uk) by 5pm on Friday 25th September.