

## Faculty Director, Environment Hub at Krea University

### About the Environment Hub

Krea University aims to establish, develop and consolidate a centre/hub on the environment that is an umbrella body for research and outreach on the environment at the university.

The overall mission of the centre/hub is to enable cross-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary approaches to environmental challenges in a changing world. The environment centre/hub both in intellectual and conceptual terms requires engagement across the natural and humanistic sciences, and with theory as well as practice.

Among the main goals, the centre/hub shall:

- (1) Foster a collaborative ecosystem across the university for scholarship within and importantly across disciplines. The hub on environment and the Director will foster dialogue as part of a broader canvas.
- (2) Promote and engage in debate, dialogue and conversation in the university and beyond, making the centre a hub as well as a cross road for critical innovative and engaged ways of thinking about the environment.
- (3) Foster research along identified key thematic areas and help develop and explore new curriculum/pedagogy across disciplines.
- (4) Help develop the framework for a future Ph.D. programme on the environment.
- (5) Work with the university faculty to develop the one year Postgraduate diploma programme of the School of Interwoven Arts and Sciences. Help explore and develop other programmes that the university can offer with a focus on capacity building on the environment and sustainable futures.
- (6) Facilitate outreach to different sections of society such as the ongoing film on water and other such ways to engage civil society and the wider world.
- (7) Take steps that seem relevant to make the Krea initiatives on the environment and its engagement with contemporary environmental challenges both vibrant and meaningful in the longer term.

### Role and responsibilities

The Director of the Environment hub/centre shall lead the efforts to build a research centre of repute on the environment. The Director of the research centre shall also normally be a member of the Krea faculty.

The responsibilities of the Director shall include:

- Developing the strategic plan for the Environment hub/centre and its associated initiatives in alignment with the mission, research vision and goals of the university.
- Establishing together with the university leadership the advisory and governance structure for the hub/centre and engaging effectively with such members to meet the objectives of the environment hub.
- Promoting and facilitating inter-disciplinary research among faculty, postdoctoral fellows and students in collaboration with research scholars and staff at the centre/hub.
- Managing the research plan and ensure that the highest standards of research and ethical behaviour are defined and met.
- Undertaking high quality research in the centre and disseminating the same to build the reputation of the centre and enable grants and collaborations.
- Developing local, national and international networks for collaborations with public and private research and advocacy institutions and for research collaborations with industry.
- Representing the interests of the centre internally and externally.
- Financial and administrative responsibility for the smooth operation of the centre/hub.
- Supporting fundraising initiatives to meet the resources needed for the activities of the hub/centre.

### Desired profile

We are looking for a leading scholar in the environmental sciences or environmental humanities who combines first rate scholarly credentials with a good teaching record and the ability to provide leadership as well as mentor younger scholars.

- A Ph.D. with an extensive and outstanding research profile.
- Sound experience at professor or senior or equivalent level in a university or a research institution is desirable. A sound research record with quality publications and proven teaching and organisational ability is essential. 10 years of experience at a professor level will help but is not a prerequisite.
- Proven track record of mentoring early career academics including Ph.D. students.
- Proven leadership skills and the ability to inspire and promote a culture of critical thought, research and innovation.
- Ability to collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to develop research programs and initiatives and monitor their planning and implementation.
- Ability to develop and maintain relationships with external stakeholders and to develop partnerships and collaborations.
- Understanding of the research funding ecosystem – government and private.
- Proven strategic and operations management capabilities in the administration of research centres and/or research initiatives and programs.

### Important

The position of Faculty Director - Environment Hub shall be held for a period of three years only, extendable by a maximum period of two years. The faculty position shall be with full tenure. There can be adjustment in regular course load for the time as Director.

Candidates are requested to send cv names and details of three referees. They are encouraged to share a short statement on vision for the centre.

Please send all applications to [careers@krea.edu.in](mailto:careers@krea.edu.in).