

Digital Catapult – Non-Executive Chair

Make a real difference.

The application of digital technology has the potential to accelerate growth and increase productivity across the UK economy. If its full potential could be realised, it could add £10.5bn per year to total UK output between 2017 and 2020.

Digital Catapult is the UK's advanced digital technology innovation centre. It drives the early adoption of digital technologies to make UK businesses more competitive and productive and to help grow the country's economy. Funded by InnovateUK, competitively awarded grants, and commercially funded work, Digital Catapult is part of the network of world-leading Catapult centers set up to transform the UK's capability for innovation.

Digital Catapult has three main advanced technology programmes: Future Networks, Artificial Intelligence, and Immersive, and works across two industry sectors – manufacturing and creative - where increasing the use of digital technology will have significant and transformational impact.

The board is seeking to appoint an outstanding leader to chair Digital Catapult. The appointee will play a vital role in providing high level vision and direction, strong stakeholder management (particularly with government and its agencies), and ensuring executive accountability.

Chair

We are seeking a highly regarded leader to chair Digital Catapult who, alongside seven Non-Executive Directors, will be responsible for the Catapult's governance. As Chair, you will lead a Board comprising a diverse group of senior industry and academic leaders to deliver an ambitious and sustainable strategy empowering UK digital innovators, businesses and academics to drive economic growth and firmly establish the UK's innovation leadership in digital technology on the global stage.

With significant strategic leadership experience gained at a senior level you will have a track record of making an impact in boardroom environments. You will understand the roles of R&D, collaboration, innovation and commercialisation and be a highly skilled communicator, practiced in influencing at the highest levels. You will be a prominent figurehead for the Catapult in support of advanced digital technology innovations, raising the profile of Digital Catapult's brand and influencing both government and industry.

£35,000 for a time commitment of c.25 days per annum, UK based.

How to apply:

The preferred method of application is online at www.odgers.com/69318

If you are unable to apply online please email your application to 69318@odgersberndtson.com

For a confidential discussion please contact lauren.shearer@odgersberndtson.com

All candidates are also requested to complete an online Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form which will be found at the end of the application process.

Please note the closing date for applications is **5pm Friday 7th December 2018**.