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NOMINATION FORM

Winter 2019 elections (post effective from 31 July 2019)

If you wish to stand for election as the representative for VC Research, please return this form. Your nomination should be supported by a proposer and seconder who are based in institutions or associations that are members of UCML or of a recognised academic institution/subject association. The form should be returned electronically to UCML's Hon. Secretary, Prof Naomi Segal at**:** ucml@bbk.ac.uk

Deadline for return of nominations: **5th March 2019**

UCML Vice-chair for Research

Nominee's name: Prof Rachael Langford…………………………………….

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Institution: …Cardiff University……………………………………………………………………………….

Seconded by: Prof Melissa Percival……………………………………………………………………………

Institution: ………Exeter University……………………………………………………………………………………..

Candidate's election statement should include present post, relevant experience and expectations. Candidates are advised to read the relevant role profile and the UCML Constitution and Standing Orders to inform their candidature.
(Candidate's statement should not exceed 150 words. It will be posted on the UCML website.)

> I am Head of the School of Modern Languages at Cardiff University. Prior to this I was Director of Research and Director of Postgraduate Research in Modern Languages at Cardiff.
> From these roles I have gained detailed understanding of the intrinsic transdisciplinarity of modern languages research; of research funder priorities; and of the importance of effective advocacy for modern languages research both within and beyond HEIs.
> Modern languages' innovative research methodologies and findings have the power to be transformational within higher education and in society more widely. UCML has been working very effectively to make this case against a challenging climate for linguistic and cultural diversity. If elected Vice-Chair Research, I will work closely with UCML officers and members and disciplinary societies to improve visibility for the breadth and reach of our disciplines; to

improve understanding of how our research into the world draws on, shapes and informs real-world theories, policies and practices; and to continue UCML and others' work to encourage support for modern languages research to be embedded in the conceptualisation of arts and humanities funding streams.