



Non-Executive Director

Approximately 6-9 days a year

**Initial three-year term, with the possibility of re-appointment for a further two terms
Role is remunerated**

The MCS Charitable Foundation, founded by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), today operates as an independent foundation and is a leading UK not-for-profit organisation advancing decarbonisation solutions for the buildings and household sector, a hard-to-decarbonise segment that accounted for 21% of the total UK emissions in 2020.

The MCS Service Company (MCS), for which you'd be a Director, is a wholly owned subsidiary of the MCS Charitable Foundation.

The MCS Charitable Foundation carries out its work under three core streams of activities:

- **National and local advocacy for a zero-carbon future.** We deliver advocacy at a local and national level, undertake research, and promote policies that can facilitate the uptake of domestic renewables and low-carbon technologies.
- **Financing and scaling-up innovations:** Via grants and seed-funding, and a range of partnerships, we remove obstacles to greater uptake of renewable energy and retrofit across the UK.
- **Quality and performance standards setting and enforcement:** via the wholly owned subsidiary MCS Service Company (Company number 07759366). MCS has become the recognised standard for UK products and their installation in the small-scale renewables sector. MCS is a mark of quality. We create and maintain standards that allow for the certification of low-carbon products, installers, and their installations, used to produce electricity and heat from renewable sources.

The Role

This is a high-impact role for an individual keen on working at the forefront of decarbonisation efforts in the UK and contributing their skills and experience to overcoming the many practical challenges of making net-zero emissions a reality.

We are looking for a person with strong commercial acumen and ideas that can be applied to developing and growing the entire renewables sector in the UK. The challenge is to determine how to increase uptake of domestic renewables and make it easier and quicker to install them safely.

Experience in rapidly growing and scaling companies would be beneficial, as would experience of companies/organisations which at their core operate a strategy that is high-impact, rather than high-profit. The successful candidate should be able to offer strategic and tactical advice and support MCS (www.mcscertified.com).

What will you be doing:

- There are currently four board meetings a year, and monthly informal updates/reports
- There is the opportunity to work on developing our service, quality and product strategy, consumer protection, and support the company in other ways, as guided by your skills and interest
- Work together with a team of collegial trustees, directors, and senior management to ensure the success of the company during a period of major growth of the sector

Key skills

Essential

- Strong interest in issues of decarbonisation and energy transition, by creating and reshaping an emerging sector
- Leadership experience at private firms and/or charitable organisations, experiencing rapid scaling and growth
- Availability to serve on the company board for at least one term (three years)
- Proven capability in the development of strong value propositions for consumers and stakeholders, so that we can provide market leading value

Desirable

- Proven commercial acumen
- Services and product development experience in quality assurance
- Experience of digital transformation projects, and/or developing digital products, services, or data-based offerings
- Experience/knowledge of the renewables sector
- Experience/knowledge of consumer protection, standards and/or quality assurance, testing, inspection, and certification
- Interest in growing and managing B2B customers, or experience of developing B2C offerings
- Experience in organisations with a strong public service orientation

MCS Group supports diversity and equality. We welcome applications from people with a wide range of backgrounds, skills and levels of experience. Location is not a barrier; if you are prepared to travel to attend board meetings, your travel costs will be reimbursed. We welcome applicants of any age or background, living anywhere in the UK. If you think this position may be right for you – please apply.

Application process

Applications should be submitted by email to: lisa@mcscharitablefoundation.org and include:

- (i) A covering letter expressing your motivation for the role and how you fit the requirements; and

(ii) Your CV

The closing date for applications is 9th September 2022.

Interviews will take place with shortlisted candidates in September and October, with a start date planned before the end of 2022.

Full details regarding the interview process will be sent to shortlisted candidates in advance.

Please note that all data will be held in the strictest confidence and in compliance with the Data Protection Act of 1998 and will only be used for the purpose of selection of trustees.