

SAMS Trustees: essential and desirable attributes

	Essential	Desirable
Knowledge:	A clear understanding of the operating context of the organisation; for example, the challenges of an organisation operating in a grant funded environment	Demonstrable interest in SAMS aims across one or more of Research, Education and Enterprise
	Appreciation of charity trustee values and willingness to contribute to their implementation and development and commitment to support the aims and objectives of SAMS	Familiarity with charities regulations: especially OSCR
Qualifications/ Experience: Require at least one of the following:	Clear demonstration of the ability to operate in a board context (e.g. having been on a board, advised a board or reported to a board). Willingness to undertake training relevant to charity trustees.	Experience of operating at a strategic level.
Or/and	Senior role in a university, research, commercial or entrepreneurial organisation	Preferably in marine, environmental, or other related sectors
Or/and	Experience of building effective funding and/or income-generating relationships	Bringing established networks which may impact positively upon SAMS
Or/and	Committed to equality and diversity	Experience of leading positive culture change
Or/and	Experience of strategic planning	Significant organisational acumen in academic or commercial context
Skills:	Ability to work collaboratively at a senior level.	Knowledge of charity/corporate governance
	Ability to guide change successfully: positively influencing individuals and organisations	
	Strong networking skills; for example, the ability to create influential networks of potential supporters	
	Clear and engaging style of communication	Representative of the diversity of perspectives in wider society