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APPOINTMENT OF  
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HYDROGEN  
ACCELERATOR  
CHAIR

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# ABOUT THE ROYCE HYDROGEN ACCELERATOR

The Royce Hydrogen Accelerator (RHA) has been designed to tackle materials challenges which are constraining the hydrogen supply chain. It will bridge the gap in the existing innovation landscape between lab-based materials research and proven technologies executed at scale. And it will coalesce a network of key voices from government, industry, academia and investment.

The accelerator is seeking to directly unlock £150-200m of funding by highlighting R&D opportunities in the hydrogen supply chain and presenting these as a compelling, de-risked prospectus to domestic and overseas investors.

The RHA will connect the UK's already thriving business, research and innovation ecosystem for hydrogen materials with a broad, international investor base to provide access to funds and boost the potential for the UK to become an influential player in the global hydrogen market.

The RHA benefits from an experienced team with a deep understanding of advanced materials. Through close development work with industry and academia over the last two years, it has already prioritised the key materials challenges in the hydrogen supply chain.

Royce has already funded projects across the hydrogen supply chain with partners from throughout the sector, totalling £4 million in investment. This experience will contribute to the success of the Royce Hydrogen Accelerator in directing private funds toward opportunities that advance the UK's hydrogen sector.



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## THE ROLE

We are looking to appoint a Chair of the Royce Hydrogen Accelerator who, ideally, will also serve as a Non-Executive Director (NED) member of the Royce Governing Board.

### **IN ADDITION TO THE NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (NED) BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES, THE ROYCE HYDROGEN ACCELERATOR CHAIR WILL:**

- Shape the strategic direction and sustainability of the Royce Hydrogen Accelerator, helping to engage with the investor community, define the milestones, success measures and impact pathways that will maximise its contribution to National materials innovation priorities.
- Use experience from the RHA role to provide strategic guidance on strengthening deep-tech materials translation across Royce, ensuring the Royce Accelerator and wider translation activities align with the Institute's Phase 3 ambitions to move innovation from laboratory discovery to commercial application.

## THE PERSON

### **IDEALLY THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL HAVE:**

Practical experience and knowledge of the wider investor deep-tech investor community. Ideally this investor expertise will align with start-ups that develop technology solutions based on substantial scientific or engineering challenges as opposed to those in the digital/software space.

### **DIVERSITY**

Royce welcomes applications from everyone regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, faith or disability. We particularly welcome applications from women and the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic community, who are currently under-represented on the Board. All appointments will be made on merit, following a fair and transparent process.

## TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The Royce Hydrogen Accelerator Chair will be expected to allocate sufficient time to Royce to discharge their responsibilities effectively. It is anticipated that initially the role may require 2 days per month in addition to the minimum of eight days per year for the Governing Board. The position is remunerated in line with the Governing Board rates. The appointment will be for an initial 2-year term.

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