

Rabee Rustum: Supporting Statement

I first joined Heriot-Watt University in 2004 to do a PhD and since becoming a full-time member of staff in 2012, I have progressed steadily, including appointment as the Director of Studies of Civil Engineering at the Dubai Campus. During this period, I have been in more regular conversations with colleagues in Dubai, Edinburgh and Malaysia. These conversations reinforced my interest in promoting a holistic consideration of the role of the School and wider University in a world of constant transformation.

I know that the Senate and its Committees are the main mechanisms that ensure academic decisions are made for sound academic reasons. In applying to be elected, I look forward to exercising my inclusive perspective and collaborative experience as a Senate representative of the Dubai team to support equity issues, promote collegial governance practices and ensure that faculty members will be heard and empowered, as these represent the most effective way for HW to be ahead of its competitors. Thus, if I am fortunate enough to get your support, I will do all I can to foster inter-campus relationships and synergy of purpose.