

## **Grant Wright: Supporting Statement**

I am standing for Senate to help EGIS play its full role, and fully benefit from, the development of the University's academic strategy and standards.

I have held academic positions within the Civil Engineering discipline since 2010. In addition to teaching and research activities, I am also EGIS Director of Recruitment, with a remit to sustainably grow UG and PGT student numbers. The ongoing pandemic has again highlighted the importance of a thriving student population to the overall health of the University and it is now clear that student recruitment is going to be the main challenge facing the University for some time to come. As such, Senate needs people with experience in this area; I can bring this experience.

My time in EGIS has also given me an in-depth understanding of the complexities of the school, how it works and the concerns of staff. I am based in Edinburgh; however, I am collaborative by nature and I have developed good links to our other campuses through teaching common courses, co-supervision of PhD students, co-authoring papers and the development of international student recruitment partnerships. If elected, I will use the insights gained through these activities to help represent the views of all EGIS colleagues, wherever they are located.

I am committed to ensuring the continued success of EGIS and the wider University. If you agree that I have the necessary experience and values, please vote for me in the Senate elections.