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Robin commissions research to support the Leadership Foundation’s work, supports the CEO and the board in developing the foundation’s strategic direction, and oversees its international portfolio. She is seconded half time from Kingston University, where she holds the post of professor of higher education. Robin has held academic posts at the University of Surrey and the Institute of Education, University of London, and has been on the governing board of two UK universities. She has published widely on leadership, governance and management in higher education and on internationalisation. She has undertaken a range of consultancy assignments on leadership, governance and management for national and international agencies.

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John’s career includes senior institutional management and international research, consultancy and teaching in higher education policy and management. He is currently an international consultant and visiting professor at the International Centre for Higher Education Management at the University of Bath. In his role as key associate he has directed and facilitated leadership development programmes for vice-chancellors from Pakistan and Iraq and undertaken numerous strategic consultancy and development projects. John is one of the leading commentators on European higher education management and has been a principal consultant with the OECD’s Institutional Management in Higher Education (IMHE) programme. He currently has experience working in over 54 countries.

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John has practised as a management consultant in higher education policy and management since 1969. After the University of Oxford he was a partner with KPMG. In 1993 he set up the Commonwealth Higher Education Management Service (CHEMS), the research and consultancy service of the Association of Commonwealth Universities, which he directed until December 2000. He now runs CHEMS Consulting as an independent consultancy and has carried out over 250 higher education projects in over 42 countries. He specialises in policy and management studies for agencies and governments, internationalisation and governance issues. In the UK his higher education clients have included all the Funding Councils and bodies such as JISC, the HE Academy, Universities UK, and HEW as well as very many HEIs.