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The Royal Literary Fund (RLF) is seeking to appoint a new President to lead the Trustee Board as the organisation enters a new chapter in its distinguished history.

Founded in 1790 by the Rev David Williams, the RLF supports professional published authors of merit who are in financial difficulty. With an investment fund of c£175m, the RLF distributes £5m a year in grants, pensions and fellowships to writers from across the literary spectrum, responding quickly and imaginatively to support them.

The President of the RLF leads the General Committee of Trustees in carrying out the collective responsibilities of the organisation which include ensuring that the RLF complies with its governing charter, that it is well managed, that it looks to the long-term as well as the foreseeable future and that it takes into consideration in all its activities the important issues of inclusion, equality and diversity. Currently undergoing an organisation and governance review, the new President will be recruited at an important time for the Charity with work to do, alongside colleagues, to ensure the RLF continues to fulfill its Charitable objectives in a way that meets current and future needs and ensures the benevolent mission of the Charity in perpetuity.

The new President of the RLF will be keenly interested in the work of the Charity and will be passionate about living up to its legacy into the future. They will not necessarily be writers themselves but will be interested in the business of writing and in the economy of writers within the creative economic environment, understanding both the importance of the work of the Fund and the impact it has on British culture and society. They will have good professional management and business experience and will be keen to provide support through change to the small, dedicated and highly professional staff, working with colleagues to ensure that the Charity is fit for the future.

The position is voluntary and unremunerated for a five year term which may be renewable.

For more information on this role, please request the candidate brief from **Liz Amos of Liz Amos Associates** at liz.amos@lizamosassociates.com or +44 (0)20 304 4702. Further information on the Royal Literary Fund is at <https://www.rlf.org.uk>.



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