

CPC457 - Senior Project Manager (Maritime experience needed)

Location	Milton Keynes or London
Reporting to	Project Management Team Lead
Working hours	Full time
Contract type/duration	Permanent
Equal Opportunities	CPC is committed to ensuring it recognises equal opportunities
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As an island nation the maritime and ports sector is vital to the UK, directly employing over 185,000 people, contributing £14.5 billion to the UK economy and handling over 500 million tonnes of freight per year, which is over 95% of national import/exports by volume. Through most of our history, maritime has been at the heart of our economic prosperity, connecting us with the rest of the world. As we look to our future, maritime remains a driving force in the UK, in decarbonising transport, enabling our economic growth and is fundamental to the resiliency of the globalised supply chains on which we rely.

Recognising the importance of the sector to the UK and our regions, the Catapult has established maritime and ports as a key focus area to support innovation that delivers wide reaching impacts in digitalisation and decarbonisation. In our continued efforts to support the sector, our activities are growing significantly as we work closer with industry to deliver change that will bring real benefit for the maritime sector and the UK economy.

Purpose of the role

We are looking for a creative and energetic individual, able to work across multiple stakeholders with a genuine passion for making a difference and the ability to contribute and accelerate the development of digital, clean and resilient maritime technologies. We are looking for someone who can see the bigger picture, with a keen eye for detail; able to shape and drive forward the delivery of collaborative R&D projects.

This role will provide you with the opportunity to play a key role in our maritime future at an incredibly exciting time for the sector, ensuring the delivery of high impact projects, working together with colleagues and stakeholders across the wider maritime and ports ecosystem.

Senior Project Managers will manage a range of high-profile projects related to research and development in the Connected Places sectors. You will manage multiple projects at any given time, ensuring delivery of high-quality products in a variety of innovative areas.

Key Responsibilities:

- Plan and design our projects and proactively monitor their progress, resolving complex issues and to deliver high quality, timely projects.
- Manage your project's budgets working in partnership with the Finance team, reforecasting and monitoring expenditure and costs against delivered and realised benefits as the project progresses.
- Facilitate resourcing of your projects, working with PMO to ensure suitable allocation of resources and skills.
- Ensure effective quality assurance and the overall integrity of the project. -
- Ensure the delivery of high quality on time and to budget new products or services, in accordance with the project plan and project governance arrangements.
- Manage third party contributors and partners.
- Manage communications with all stakeholders, across different sectors and seniority levels.
- Manage and alleviate risks to your project' to ensure successful outcomes.
- Work with Delivery Directors to ensure delivery of your projects, and suitable resourcing.
- Initiate extra activities and interventions wherever gaps in the project are identified or issues arise.
- Report the progress of the project as required, and in line with our internal processes.
- Day to day management of complex technical projects day-to-day
- Build and maintain a high level of motivation and trust across the various teams.
- Be creative and dynamic in the ways in which the team are led and managed.

Required skills and experience:

- Significant demonstrable experience of leading and managing complex substantive projects and project teams.
- Substantive experience of managing large scale Maritime projects, in addition to a wide breadth of experience in other sectors or environments.
- Experience of leading projects in both the public and private sector.
- Highly developed stakeholder, client and consortia communication skills.
- Experience of leading complex R&D projects with funders such as IUK/H2020/EU
- Ability to contribute to business development and successful bidding activities.
- Ability to thrive and proactively manage uncertainty and change.
- Demonstrable experience of both Agile and Waterfall approaches. Familiarity with standard project management methodologies and experience of their application.
- Experience of supporting or managing Collaborative R&D projects in a consortium.
- Experience of managing a range of high-profile stakeholders as all levels.
- Great team and interpersonal skills.

Desirable:

- Experience of the transport and/or built environment sectors and of leading project activities in these sectors.
- The development of new processes to deliver projects management outputs.
- Experience in bidding for funded activities and in particular public funding bodies such as DfT and Innovate UK.
- Experience in the use of ERP systems particularly for the reporting of project financial performance.
- Experience of working with an SME.
- Hold APMP and / or MSP level Project Management Accreditation.

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