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Professor Julia Goodfellow is appointed as a NESTA Trustee

Estelle Morris, Minister for the Arts, announced today that Professor Julia Goodfellow has been appointed as Science Trustee on the board of the National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts (NESTA). Her term of appointment will run from 22 December 2004 to 21 December 2008.

Biographical notes:

Professor Julia Goodfellow is Chief Executive of the Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council [BBSRC] where she is responsible for £300M of Government funding for the biosciences. BBSRC funds researchers and post-graduates in UK universities. The Council employs 3,000 people mainly within the institutes that it sponsors. Prior to working at the BBSRC, she held posts at Birkbeck College including Chair of the Department of Crystallography, and Vice Master (1996 to 2001). As Vice Master at Birkbeck, she was involved in research and estate strategies for the College. She has been a member of the Council for the Central Laboratories of the Research Councils for a number of years (2000 to 2004), and of the Academy of Medical Sciences (2002 to 2004). She also sits on DEFRA's Science Advisory Board. Professor Goodfellow has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years.

Background:

NESTA's Trustees act as stewards of the UK's first national endowment. The Lottery Act 1998 confers a specific responsibility on NESTA's Trustees to devise and implement appropriate means of achieving its main objectives, by framing and putting into practice a policy for investing the funds, subject to the guidelines set by the 1998 Act, and any related Directions issued by the Secretary of State for Culture Media & Sport. In addition, Trustees are responsible for ensuring NESTA seeks to augment its endowment through fund-raising, the acquisition of intellectual property and other means.

As a Trustee, Professor Goodfellow does not receive a salary but may claim reasonable travel and subsistence including an honorarium of £195 per day.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.