

CPHC Nomination Nick Savage
Head of the School of Computing, University of Portsmouth

Nominated by Keith Miller, Manchester Metropolitan University

Nick Savage is the Head of the School of Computing at the University of Portsmouth, a position he has held since September 2013. As Head, Nick has overseen an increase the portfolio of research grant income of the School and appointed three professors to head up the School's research groups. Nick has also led the integration of an academic unit from another School at the University of Portsmouth into the School of Computing as a part of a restructure.

Nick has a passion of investigating communication networks and security. His previous research on communication networks has been funded by OFCOM and the EPSRC and has resulted in contributions to ITU recommendations. He has over 50 publications in journals and conference proceedings and serves as a referee for IET, IEEE and Elsevier journals. He has also chaired conferences, given plenaries and chaired sessions at national and international computer networking and security conferences. He is a member of Working Group 3 for the EC NIS Platform, an Academic Advocate for the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) and a Chartered Engineer. Nick is also an academic advisor to the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission and a Fellow of the BCS.

Nick started as a research assistant at the University of Portsmouth, before becoming a senior, then principal, lecturer. He has been an admissions tutor, course leader, director of studies, programme manager for collaborative programmes and school liaison lead (running events with the Smallpeice trust and now with Cyber First to inspire young people). Portsmouth typically takes disadvantaged students from the South East of England and in order to raise aspirations of the local students population, Nick developed a sponsorship programme with a local company (now Seagate) to sponsor 2 students a year through their degree. Nick has also supported initiatives running at Portsmouth such as HackPompey and HackBack to provide additional opportunities for students.

Nick was elected to the CPHC committee in 2017 and has previously worked on the UK initiative to embed cyber security into the computing sciences curriculum.

Candidate Statement: There are some norms within computer science that those from other disciplines would consider to be abnormal - the gender split of students, the low progression rates and the high withdrawal rates. We have to understand the reasons for these and share expertise and experience throughout the community. I am determined that we achieve this through CPHC.