



COLLEGE LECTURESHIP AND FELLOWSHIP IN ECONOMICS

FURTHER PARTICULARS

The Role of a College Lecturer

Teaching at Cambridge University is provided by the University and also by the Colleges. The majority of College Fellows are holders of *University* posts, taking on additional College responsibilities for which they usually receive extra remuneration. However, from time to time, Cambridge Colleges make appointments to College Lectureships. When appointed, College Lecturers provide core teaching for the College (and other Colleges under swap arrangements). These Fellows may, if the opportunity arises, also teach for the University on occasional lecture courses, for extra remuneration.

This Fellowship is intended to provide an opportunity to an individual at the beginning of their academic career to develop teaching skills, a publication record and other academic activity with a view to obtaining an academic or policy appointment, in Cambridge or elsewhere. It is offered for a fixed term of four years which will not be renewed or extended.

College Teaching

Christ's College has a prominent intellectual tradition in Economics. It had the privilege to count James Meade, the 1977 Economics Nobel Prize laureate, among its members. In his honour, the College established Meade Lectures in Economics, the latest of which was given by Professor Ulrike Malmendier in 2024. The current team of Economists at Christ's include Dr Julia Shvets, College Associate Professor and Director of Studies in Economics, Prof Sanjeev Goyal, Arthur C. Pigou Professor of Economics, Dr William Peterson, and Dr Patrick Allmis, Janeway Institute Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

The main responsibility of the post, College teaching or supervising, takes the form of small group sessions, referred to as supervisions, usually in groups of two or three. These supervisions complement the lectures run separately by the Faculty of Economics. Preference may be given to applicants able to supervise macroeconomics. For each supervision, the students are usually assigned written work (typically set by the Faculty), which the College supervisor marks before the supervision. There are two Terms of eight weeks (Michaelmas and Lent); the third Term (Easter Term) has four weeks of teaching and three weeks set aside for University examinations. The successful candidate would be required to supervise 120 hours per year for the College, equivalent to an average of six hours per week in the 20 weeks of Full Terms. If the College Lecturer undertakes additional teaching beyond this level, it would be paid for at the College's normal hourly rates.

Christ's College admits approximately 6 undergraduate students and 4 postgraduate students per year for Economics, creating a community of about 30 people at any given time. Our students' performance has been outstanding: for many years now, Christ's exam results in Economics have been consistently among the best across Cambridge Colleges. Our students regularly win University prizes. We are lucky to have members from all over the world: alongside British nationals, our current group includes students from Australia, China, Germany, Finland, Russia, Singapore and Spain.

As College teaching supports and builds on the University's lecture courses, the successful candidate is likely to be someone able to offer supervision of the highest quality in a number of courses (papers) offered by the undergraduate Economics degree at Cambridge (Economics Tripos), including core papers. More information about the undergraduate degree can be found at <http://www.econ.cam.ac.uk/apply/ba-economics/course-structure> and <http://www.econ.cam.ac.uk/apply/ba-economics/course-description>.

Additional College Responsibilities

In addition to teaching, the successful applicant will be expected to play a full part in the academic life of the College, including:

- Assisting Dr Shvets in her role as Director of Studies – or, if the need arises, to take on the post of acting Director of Studies – by:
 - Monitoring the academic programme of undergraduates, giving advice on their choice of papers and progress, and liaising with their personal Tutors;
 - Arranging supervisions for the undergraduate papers in Economics, including “swap” arrangements with other Colleges where necessary;
 - Holding social and academic events for Economics students.
- Pursuing research and publication in their chosen field;
- If asked, taking on other College offices or duties as required;
- Attending meetings of the Governing Body; and
- Assisting with Admissions activities including interviewing student applicants to the College, attending Open Days and assessing graduate applications.

The opportunity to act as a personal Tutor (for additional remuneration) may also arise from time to time.

Research and Publication

The teaching commitment for the College has deliberately been set at a level that should enable the successful candidate to devote sufficient time to research and publication as well as to build other skills that might enhance their *curriculum vitae*. There is a wide range of relevant professional development courses offered by the University and other institutions, and the successful candidate will be encouraged and expected to take advantage of these opportunities.

The College Lecturer will be encouraged to engage with research seminars and groups at the Faculty of Economics (<https://www.econ.cam.ac.uk>) and Janeway Institute Cambridge (<https://www.janeway.econ.cam.ac.uk>). The post-holder will receive a modest research allowance from the College (see 'Conditions of Employment' below). They can also apply for more research funding from The Keynes Fund (<http://www.keynesfund.econ.cam.ac.uk>).

Support

The successful candidate will be required to participate in the "Advancing Educational Practice Programme" (<https://www.cctl.cam.ac.uk/aepp>) during their first or second year. This is an accredited programme leading to Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy. You will also be assigned a mentor who is a Fellow of the College, where relevant issues to be discussed may encompass the following topics:

- Publication strategies;
- The balance of research, publication and teaching;
- When and how to apply for University posts and advice on such applications; and
- Connections with and opportunities at the Faculty of Economics at the University.

In addition, the College Lecturer will receive formal annual appraisals. The College will also conduct annual student teaching evaluations, which the College Lecturer will be able to include in their portfolio when applying for the next job.

Conditions of Employment

The successful candidate will be employed by the College for a fixed term, from 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2029, or for a similar period with dates to be agreed, as a College Teaching Officer subject to its Statutes and Ordinances.

They will be elected to a Fellowship of the College and will be expected to reside in Cambridge. The stipend will be determined on appointment and will be equivalent to points 43-49 of the Cambridge University scale (currently £40,311 – £46,735 per annum). The Fellow will be eligible for

participation in the University Superannuation Scheme. Any additional teaching beyond the contractual requirement of 120 hours per annum will be paid at the normal hourly rates for College supervision.

Fellows may be offered single-occupancy residential accommodation in College: the stipend is subject to a reduction (15%) if the Fellow chooses to accept this offer and reside in College. If the Fellow lives out of College, a room is provided for teaching and other academic purposes. The College has a car park (in the centre of Cambridge) which Fellows may use, although space is limited and needs to be booked in advance. Fellows are entitled to seven free meals a week in College, and there is a small annual entertainment allowance. Research-active Fellows are also eligible for an annual allowance of up to £2,750 for research expenses, such as travel to conferences, and includes equipment and book allowances.

Applications

Letters of application (there are no forms) should be sent to jobs@christs.cam.ac.uk to arrive no later than noon on Friday December 6, 2024, including

- a *curriculum vitae* with details of qualifications, publications and teaching and professional experience,
- one publication or a piece of work representative of the candidate's research at its best,
- teaching evaluations if available,
- a note stating which of the papers currently taught in Cambridge Economics Tripos the candidate would be able to teach (see <https://www.econ.cam.ac.uk/apply/ba-economics/course-structure>). We do not expect candidates to be able to teach everything.
- an indication of whether a work visa would be required in order to take up the post,
- and the names and addresses of two persons who have agreed to act as academic referees.

Candidates must arrange for their referees to send their reference direct to jobs@christs.cam.ac.uk so that references are received by the closing date of noon on Friday December 6, 2024. Short-listed candidates may be invited for in-person interviews likely to be held on or around January 16, 2025.

It should be noted that a successful candidate for the Fellowship who does not have an automatic right to work in the United Kingdom (including anyone who is completing a PhD at an overseas institution) will be subject to the visa requirements of the United Kingdom. The College will give advice and assistance but ultimately it will be the responsibility of the candidate to obtain the necessary visa.