Teaching and Research Fellow in Economics

Further Particulars

St Catharine’s College in the University of Cambridge seeks to appoint a Teaching and Research Fellow in Economics. The post will be tenable from no later than 1 September 2019 for a fixed period of four years. Applications are encouraged from candidates specialising in any field of economics, but the post-holder must be able to teach one or more papers in microeconomics, macroeconomics or econometrics of the Economics Tripos. Remuneration will be at point 40 on the University of Cambridge’s pay scale (currently £31,302). The successful candidate will be elected to an Official Fellowship of the College. The post will be fully pensionable.

Requirements

The successful candidate:

- will have or to be very close to completing a PhD degree in a relevant field of Economics;
- will have a developing bibliography of research publications such as contributions to scholarly journals or books;
- will have a commitment and demonstrable track-record in relation to keeping up-to-date with the latest thinking in the relevant field of Economics by reading other academic material, attending conferences and engaging with other academics in the field;
- will have experience of or be able to demonstrate a commitment to undergraduate teaching.

Duties

The duties of the post-holder shall be as follows:

To teach eight hours per week (160 hours per year, excluding required preparation and marking) of supervisions (small-group teaching) to undergraduate students of St Catharine’s College or (pursuant to reciprocal teaching arrangements) students of other colleges. The successful candidate will be expected to teach first, second and third year Tripos papers in one or more of the areas of microeconomics, macroeconomics or econometrics. Any hours taught in excess of 160 per year will be paid at the standard supervision rate plus a 25% enhancement, and hours supervised for other colleges in the University will count towards the required stint. For further information about the University Economics Tripos, see www.econ.cam.ac.uk.

To undertake research of international standing within the area of the post-holder’s specialism and to present and publish the results of that research at intervals consistent with the requirements of the national Research Excellence Framework (REF). The successful candidate is encouraged to participate actively in research activities at the Faculty of Economics.

To act (as may be required) as a Director of Studies for students in Economics in the College. Direction of Studies will normally be shared with other Economics Fellows in the College. The duties of a Director of Studies are: to make full teaching arrangements for all students under his/her direction, including the appointment of supervisors; to monitor and ensure the quality of teaching received by the students; to communicate and meet with all students at regular intervals to discuss their studies; to pass on to students all relevant course information received from the Faculty of Economics; to organise, oversee, and conduct undergraduate admissions interviews; to provide feedback to the
schools of interviewed candidates; to ensure all students are entered for the appropriate University Examinations; to report annually to the College’s Education Committee on the progress of students; to assist the Graduate Tutors in the admission of postgraduate students; to entertain undergraduate and postgraduate students in Economics on a termly basis; to ensure that the College Library is well stocked with all of the texts, including selected secondary works, which are essential for students of all levels satisfactorily to complete their studies; to attend inter-collegiate meetings of the Directors of Studies in Economics; to maintain good relations with the Faculty of Economics; to keep up to date with changes in Faculty courses and policy.

To participate, if required to do so, in the College’s recruitment and admissions activities. Those activities include: encouraging high-quality candidates to apply to St Catharine’s to read Economics; fielding admissions enquiries related to Economics throughout the academic year; conducting and attending Open Days; producing and updating admissions information for candidates and schools; conducting undergraduate admissions interviews and participating in the inter-collegiate admissions pool.

To help organise and support the programme of enrichment events, including mock exams, lectures, seminars, and study-related activities.

To undertake College administrative duties as required by the Governing Body (e.g. attending College meetings and sitting on committees).

To join other Economics Fellows in participating in such alumni-orientated events as are occasionally organised by the College.

Benefits

Official Fellows of the College are entitled to seven free meals per week and to free single accommodation in College-owned rooms. For a Fellow not living in College accommodation, a room to work and teach in will be provided. Official Fellows may apply to College funds to support their research (including the purchase of books) and for the purchase of computing equipment. The post does not carry an entitlement to sabbatical leave.

The College

Founded in 1473, St Catharine’s College is situated in the historic centre of Cambridge and ten minutes’ walk from the Faculty of Economics building on the University’s Sidgwick Site. At any given point in time, the College has approximately 24 undergraduate Economics students and a smaller number of graduate students. The College is committed to academic excellence and success, while maintaining a relaxed and sociable atmosphere. The current Economics Fellows at St Catharine’s are Dr River Chen (Labour and Urban Economics), Dr Sriya Iyer (Development Economics and Economics of Religion) and Dr Simon Taylor (Finance and Management).

Applications and Selection Procedure

Applications should be submitted here: https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/cathecon.aspx and should comprise of:

- a covering letter;
- a full curriculum vitae;
- a piece of written work (a full journal article or equivalent);
• three references (to be submitted by the applicant’s referees).

The closing date (for the receipt of both applications and references) is Monday 10 June 2019 at 12 noon. Further particulars can be found via http://www.caths.cam.ac.uk/vacancies. Information on St Catharine's College can be found on the College website (www.caths.cam.ac.uk). Information on the Faculty of Economics can be found on its website (www.econ.cam.ac.uk). Informal enquiries concerning this post may be directed to Dr Sriya Iyer (si105@cam.ac.uk).

Shortlisted candidates will be informed of their continued candidature by 17 June, and interviews will be held (on a date to be notified) in the week beginning 24 June. At the interview, shortlisted candidates will be required to give a short presentation on an area of their research.