



The Scott Family Junior Research Fellowship in Autism

Further Particulars

University College invites applications for a Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in Studies in Autism and related disorders, tenable for three years with a start date expected to be at the beginning of October 2019. The appointee will be based in University College, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BH.

The main focus of the research will be on establishing the genetic, neurobiological and cognitive bases of these disorders. The successful candidate will have a background in developmental or cognitive psychology (which could include the use of imaging or electrophysiological approaches), data analysis of genetic data, neuroimaging, neuroanatomy or in the analyses of Event-Related Potentials or Magnetoencephalography data. In addition to work in Oxford there are excellent opportunities to perform some of this work in East Africa in collaboration with Professor Charles Newton, where Autism Spectrum Disorders are increasingly recognised in a different genetic, environmental and cultural milieu which may provide unique insights into these disorders. Professor Newton is the Cheryl and Reece Scott Professorship of Psychiatry in Oxford, which is devoted to the study of autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

JRFs provide research opportunities to outstanding academics at the beginning of their careers. The primary duty of the post is to carry out a coherent programme of high-quality publishable research, but most JRFs choose also to offer a limited amount of teaching for the College in the interests of career development. Any such teaching will be remunerated separately. Ordinarily, the College has between 8 and 10 JRFs across a range of subjects. JRFs play an important part in the intellectual and social life of the College.

Further details about University College, including the research interests of current Fellows, are available from our website at <http://www.univ.ox.ac.uk>.

The primary criterion for appointment to the JRF will be research excellence. Candidates must: (1) have a strong educational record; (2) hold a doctorate, or be near completion¹; (3) have research expertise demonstrated by publications, or demonstrate promise of such achievement; and (4) have a coherent plan of research for the duration of the fellowship. The potential to become an effective teacher will be a secondary consideration.

Candidates must be confident that they will have obtained their doctorates by the start of their appointment. This position is not intended for those who have already held another stipendiary JRF or equivalent or for those who obtained their doctorates more than two years prior to the application date (except in special circumstances).

The current stipend for a Junior Research Fellow not in receipt of other emoluments is £24,983 *per annum*. If a JRF receives a stipend from elsewhere (such as a UK Research Council) then the College stipend would be reduced by the amount of salary received from that other source, with a minimum stipend of £2,500 plus housing allowance provided. Free meals and free accommodation for the JRF in College, ordinarily a one bedroom flat, will be offered if available, or a housing allowance in lieu (£5,512 pa). The total salary package is therefore £30,495, plus generous additional benefits, including an academic allowance (£2,284), an entertainment allowance (£192), membership of USS, and private health insurance.

¹ If you require a Tier 2 Visa please note that, in order for the University to apply for your Certificate of Sponsorship, the UK Home Office will require EITHER a copy of your PhD/DPhil award certificate, OR an academic reference confirming that the qualification has been awarded, OR an academic reference confirming that you have submitted your thesis, if you have not yet completed.

Selected candidates may be asked to submit written work, which may be one or two published or submitted articles, or a chapter from their thesis. Applicants should indicate on their application form what material they propose to submit, **but should not at this stage submit any written work.**

Application forms (downloadable from the College website <http://www.univ.ox.ac.uk>) should be sent to recruitment@univ.ox.ac.uk, by **12 noon (UK time) on Wednesday 30 January 2019**. Applicants should arrange for three referees to send their references to recruitment@univ.ox.ac.uk by the same date. Interviews for shortlisted candidates are expected to be held towards the end of February or in early March 2019 (to be confirmed).

University College is an Equal Opportunities Employer. Applications are particularly welcome from women and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford.