



The Scott Family Junior Research Fellowship in Autism

Further Particulars

University College invites applications for a Junior Research Fellowship in Autism and related disorders, tenable for three years with a start date expected to be at the beginning of October 2024. The main focus of research will be the genetic, neurobiological and cognitive bases of these disorders. The successful candidate will have a background in developmental or cognitive psychology, data analysis of genetic data, neuroimaging, neuroanatomy or in the analyses of Event-Related Potentials or Magnetoencephalography data.

Junior Research Fellowships (JRFs), sometimes called postdoctoral research fellowships, 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.

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 completion; (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, which is likely to include realistic plans to work alongside/collaborate with colleagues in the University of Oxford. The potential to become an effective teacher will be a secondary consideration.

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 £37,099 *per annum*. If a JRF receives a stipend from elsewhere (such as the 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. Subject to availability, a JRF has the opportunity to rent College accommodation at 50% of fair market rate for the duration of their JRF appointment, and will be entitled to free meals (lunch and dinner) in College. The appointee will also be entitled to generous additional benefits, including an academic allowance (£2,558), an entertainment allowance (£214), membership of USS, and private health insurance.

Candidates are asked to submit written work in support of their application, which may be a published or submitted article, or a chapter from their thesis.

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 Monday 22 April 2024**.

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 in May.

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

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.