



## **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OXFORD**

### **Stipendiary Lectureship in Experimental Psychology**

**Salary: £16,569-£18,308**

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE POST**

Applications are invited for a Stipendiary Lectureship in Experimental Psychology, tenable for 12 months from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026.

#### **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

##### **About University College**

University College, commonly known as Univ, was established in 1249 and has a claim to be the oldest college in Oxford. Today, the College is at the forefront of promoting diversity and excellence in Oxford, fostering a friendly and inclusive community based around its historic town-centre quadrangles. The College is particularly proud of its record in establishing fully-funded postgraduate scholarships, of which more than 30 are available each year, and of its programmes to challenge under-representation in the student body, the Univ Opportunity Programme and the Univ Beacon Programme. You can read more about the College at [www.univ.ac.uk](http://www.univ.ac.uk).

The College comprises approximately 450 undergraduates, 220 postgraduates, and 100 members of academic staff, including Statutory Professors, Tutorial Fellows, and Postdoctoral Research Fellows.

The Master of the College is Baroness Valerie Amos, former United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and former Director of SOAS University of London. Among the Fellows of the College are six Professorial Fellows, some thirty-two Tutorial Fellows and eleven non-Tutorial Fellows, as well as up to seven Junior Research Fellows at any one time. All these categories of academics are members of the Senior Common Room (SCR), which provides intellectual, dining and social benefits.

##### **Experimental Psychology at University College**

The College currently has one Fellow in Experimental Psychology, as well as a Fellow in Neuroscience who contributes to teaching of Psychology students. Professor Nick Yeung teaches the Introduction to Psychology course for first year undergraduates studying Experimental Psychology (EP), Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics (PPL) and Biomedical Sciences (BMS), as well as second- and third-year options on cognitive psychology and cognitive neuroscience for students on those degree courses. Professor Sharp's teaching in neuroscience ranges from the ionic and molecular basis of synaptic transmission through to the neurophysiology of motor, visual and auditory systems for first- and second-year students to more advanced areas of neuroscience for third year students. The post-holder will work under the administrative supervision of Professor Yeung.

##### **Teaching**

This post has been created to support teaching needs in Experimental Psychology. During term the post-holder will be required to undertake a stint of six hours of tutorials for University College per week, averaged over three eight-week terms. Since the College meets some of its teaching needs via exchange arrangements with other colleges, some of these hours are likely to be spent teaching undergraduates from other colleges. The post-

holder will teach undergraduates in tutorials (normally 2, but sometimes 3 or 4 undergraduates). Tutorials consist of an hour of academic discussion between tutor and students. Tutorial and class teaching also includes the marking of submitted essays and other exercises.

The appointee will be expected to offer tutorials and/or classes in Experimental Psychology within the Preliminary Examination (taken by first-year undergraduates). An ability and willingness to offer tutorials for the Cognition subject in the Final Honour School (taken by second-year undergraduates) in the field of Experimental Psychology may be an advantage.

For further details about the Department of Experimental Psychology, see the departmental website: <https://www.psy.ox.ac.uk>.

### **Other College duties**

The postholder will be required to:

- participate in the annual undergraduate admissions process in weeks 9 and 10 of Michaelmas term;
- participate in the administration of Experimental Psychology (EP) and the joint degree in Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics (PPL) in the College;
- undertake pastoral duties in relation to undergraduate students in EP and PPL, and graduate students in psychology and cognate areas at University College;
- set and mark termly college examinations for undergraduates (these are known as 'collections');
- hold start-of-term and end-of-term meetings with the undergraduates, and conduct students' termly progress reviews at University College;
- advise on students' paper choices;
- co-ordinate students' tuition for modules taught outside the college;
- teach some of their hours for other Oxford colleges as part of a reciprocal teaching arrangement, where appropriate;
- take part in Open Days at University College;
- attend College events for undergraduates and graduates;
- attend the annual academic progress reviews with the Master and the Dean of Graduates and act as College advisor to graduate students if invited to do so.
- undertake related duties in respect of the College's undergraduate and graduate students in Experimental Psychology and joint degrees.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. A doctorate in Experimental Psychology, or being close to obtaining one;
2. A record of successful teaching within the field of appointment. The selection committee recognises that the successful candidate may have little or no experience of small-group tutorial teaching. Evidence of relevant training may be an advantage;
3. A willingness to provide pastoral support to undergraduate students within the College;
4. A willingness to accept a role in the administration of Experimental Psychology at the College, including the annual undergraduate admissions process;
5. A strong research record or research potential within the field of appointment.

### **TERMS OF APPOINTMENT**

The stipend will be in the range £16,569-£18,308 p.a. (depending on experience). This is a fixed-term post for twelve months only.

The following additional benefits are available at University College:

- Lunch and dinner in the Senior Common Room free of charge throughout the academic year, except when the kitchens are closed;
- Membership of USS pension scheme;
- Use of a teaching room.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications should be sent to Dr Ian Boutle, Academic Registrar, University College, Oxford, OX1 4BH; e-mail: [recruitment@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@univ.ox.ac.uk), by **12 noon (UK time) on 11 August 2025**, and should include:

- A covering letter, including a description of teaching experience, a statement of current research, and a list of publications (please highlight **one** publication for the interview panel to review as representative of your work);
- A *curriculum vitae*;
- The names of two academic referees, to include one referee able to provide a teaching reference. Applicants should ask their referees to email [recruitment@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@univ.ox.ac.uk) by the same closing date of **11 August 2025**.

Applications should be submitted via email as a single pdf document, in the order listed above. All data supplied by candidates will be used only for the purposes of determining their suitability for the post and will be held in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the College's Data Protection Policy (available on the website at <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/content/policy-documents-and-regulations>).

The College is an equal opportunities employer and applicants are therefore asked to complete the confidential and anonymous recruitment monitoring form. Your information will not form part of the selection process and will not be disclosed to the selection panel. Forms should be returned to [hr.admin@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:hr.admin@univ.ox.ac.uk).

Potential applicants wishing to make informal enquiries about this post may contact either Professor Yeung ([nick.yeung@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:nick.yeung@univ.ox.ac.uk)) or the Senior Tutor of University College, Dr Andrew Bell ([andrew.bell@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.bell@univ.ox.ac.uk)).

Interviews are expected to take place in the second half of August (precise date subject to confirmation). Candidates invited for interview will be asked to give a teaching presentation at the time of interview. Further details will be sent to shortlisted candidates.

All reasonable interview expenses will be reimbursed, and overnight accommodation can usually be provided if needed.

Please note that this post would not entitle the successful applicant to apply for a Tier 2 UK Visa, and thus any applicant should ensure that they have the legal right to work in the UK for the period of the lectureship.

*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.*