



## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OXFORD

### Stipendiary Lectureship in Philosophy

Salary: £15,994-£17,733 (*per annum, pro-rata*)

#### OVERVIEW OF THE POST

Applications are invited for a Stipendiary Lectureship in Philosophy, tenable for 7 months from 1 December 2024 to 30 June 2025.

#### 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 ten 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.

##### Philosophy at University College

The College currently has two Fellows in Philosophy. Professor Bill Child teaches General Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, and the Philosophy of Wittgenstein. Dr Beau Mount teaches General Philosophy, Logic, Knowledge and Reality, Philosophy of Logic and Language, Philosophical Logic, and Philosophy of Mathematics. The post-holder will work under the administrative supervision of Professor Child and Dr Mount.

##### Teaching

This post has been created to support teaching needs in Philosophy. During term the post-holder will be required to undertake a stint of six hours of tutorials for University College per week, averaged over two 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 undergraduates) and small college classes (up to 5-8 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 for the following subjects:

For the Preliminary Examination (taken by first-year undergraduates):

- General Philosophy
- Moral Philosophy

For the Final Honour School (taken by second- and third-year undergraduates)

- Ethics

An ability and willingness to offer tutorials for one or more optional subjects in the Final Honour School in the field of Philosophy (see Faculty website for details) may be an advantage.

For further details about the Faculty of Philosophy, see the Faculty website: <http://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/home>. Descriptions of the undergraduate courses are available here: <http://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-study> (More detailed information about syllabuses is available on request).

### **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 Philosophy in the College;
- undertake pastoral duties in relation to undergraduate and graduate students in Philosophy 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 attend 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 Philosophy.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. A doctorate in Philosophy, 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 Philosophy at the college;
5. A strong research record or research potential within the field of appointment.

## TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The stipend will be in the range £15,994-£17,733 p.a., pro rata (depending on experience, and including the newly-introduced Oxford weighting). This is a fixed-term post for seven 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 Wednesday 6 November 2024**, and should include:

- A covering letter, including a description of teaching experience, a statement of current research, and a list of publications;
- 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 **Wednesday 6 November**.

**In addition**, each candidate should submit a sample or samples of written work, up to a maximum of 10,000 words, published or unpublished (co-authored pieces should be identified as such).

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 Child ([bill.child@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:bill.child@univ.ox.ac.uk)), Dr Mount ([beau.mount@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:beau.mount@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 November 2024 (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.*