Summary of the Post

Christ’s College and the Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge (UK) seek to appoint a Janeway Post-doctoral Research Fellow and College Teaching Officer in Economics, for a fixed term of three years. Applications are invited in all fields of Economics, but preference may be given to candidates in the field of macroeconomics. Applicants will normally be expected to have completed a PhD recently or to be nearing completion. We will look for excellence in teaching and high research potential in selecting candidates.

It is envisaged that the successful candidate will be a scholar in the early stages of their career for whom a fixed-term post would prove to be an attractive opportunity to enhance their research and academic profile.

The successful candidate will be elected a Fellow of the College. See Appendix 1 for more information. To help them advance their research, they will become a research affiliate of Cambridge–INET, a global centre of excellence for fundamental research in economics at the Faculty of Economics. See Appendix 2 for more information.

In addition to research, the main responsibilities of the post include small-group teaching for an average of 6 hours per week for 20 weeks per academic year, as well as serving as Director of Studies in Economics as needed.

The salary will be equivalent to points 47–49 of the Cambridge University scale (currently £38,460–£40,792). The Fellow will normally be offered single-occupancy residential accommodation in College: the salary is subject to a reduction of approximately 15% if the Fellow chooses to accept this offer and reside in College.

The Role of a College Teaching Officer

Teaching at Cambridge University is provided by the University and also by the Colleges. The majority of College Fellows are holders of University posts, taking on additional College responsibilities for which they usually receive extra remuneration. However, from time to time, Cambridge Colleges also appoint College Teaching Officers. When appointed, College Teaching Officers not only provide core teaching for the College (and sometimes for other Colleges under swap arrangements) but may also be asked to act as Directors of Studies or take on other College offices or duties as appropriate. These Fellows may, if the opportunity arises, also teach for the University on occasional lecture courses, for extra remuneration.

College Teaching Officer appointments at Christ’s College are intended to provide an opportunity to an individual at the beginning of their academic career to develop teaching
skills, a publication record and other academic activity with a view to obtaining a University appointment in Cambridge or elsewhere. They are offered for a fixed term – three years in the case of this post – which will not be renewed or extended.

**College Teaching**

Christ’s College has a prominent intellectual tradition in Economics. It had the privilege to count James Meade, the 1977 Economics Nobel Prize laureate, among its members. In his honour, the College established Meade Lectures in Economics, the next of which will be given by Professor Elhanan Helpman in 2019. The Janeway Fellow will be joining several economists at Christ’s, including Professor Sanjeev Goyal, Dr William Peterson, Dr Alex Rodnyansky and Dr Julia Shvets. In 2018–19, Christ’s also has two distinguished visiting scholars in Economics, Professor Naomi Lamoreaux and Professor Larry Samuelson, both from Yale.

College teaching takes the form of small group teaching (referred to as supervisions) each week, usually in groups of two or three. These supervisions are intended to complement the lectures that are run separately by the Faculty of Economics. There are two Terms of eight weeks (Michaelmas and Lent); the third Term (Easter Term) has four weeks of teaching and three weeks set aside for University examinations. The successful candidate would be expected to supervise 120 hours per year for the College, equivalent to an average of six hours per week in the 20 weeks of Full Terms. If the Lecturer chooses to undertake additional teaching beyond this level it would be paid for at the College’s normal hourly rates. In addition, the successful candidate will be expected to act as Director of Studies in Economics if required, as described in the following section.

Christ’s College admits approximately 7 undergraduate students and 4 postgraduate students per year for Economics, creating a community of about 30 people. Our students’ performance has been outstanding: based on the average of the last 10 years, Christ’s has the best exam results in Economics across Cambridge colleges. Our students regularly win University prizes. We are lucky to have members from all over the world: alongside British nationals our current group includes students from China, Hungary, Italy, Korea, Malaysia, Netherlands, Russia and Singapore.

The successful candidate will be someone able to offer supervision of the highest quality. Full information about the courses taught as part of the undergraduate Economics degree at Cambridge can be found at www.econ.cam.ac.uk/teaching.

**Additional College Responsibilities**

In addition to the specific teaching requirement, the successful applicant will be expected to play a full part in the academic life of the College, including:

- When required, to act as Director of Studies in Economics by:
  - Monitoring the academic programme of undergraduates, giving advice on their choice of papers and progress, and liaising with their personal Tutors;
  - Arranging supervisions for the undergraduate papers in Economics, including “swap” arrangements with other Colleges where necessary;
  - Holding social and academic events for students and Fellows in Economics;
• Pursuing research and publication in his or her chosen field;
• If asked, taking on other College offices or duties as required, which will always be commensurate with an early-career appointment;
• Attending meetings of the Governing Body; and
• Assisting with Admissions activities including interviewing student applicants to the College, attending Open Days and assessing graduate applications.

The opportunity to act as a personal Tutor (for additional remuneration) may also arise from time to time.

Research and Publication

The teaching commitment for the College has deliberately been set at a level that should enable the successful candidate to devote sufficient time to research and publication as well as to build other skills that might enhance their *curriculum vitae*. There is a wide range of relevant professional development courses offered by the University and other institutions, and the successful candidate will be encouraged and expected to take advantage of these opportunities. In addition, the College is able to make grants on application for research purposes, for example to contribute to the cost of attending conferences or towards the cost of computer equipment.

The Fellow will be appointed a research affiliate of Cambridge–INET, making them part of a network of world-leading economists. They will also have the opportunity to apply for research funding to The Keynes Fund. See Appendix 2 for more information.

Support

Upon appointment, the successful candidate will be required to attend the induction course entitled “Pathways in Higher Education Practice”. The training programme for College Teaching Officers also includes regular informal meetings with an assigned mentor who is a Fellow of the College, where relevant issues to be discussed may encompass the following topics:

• Publication strategies;
• The balance of research, publication and teaching;
• When and how to apply for University posts and advice on such applications; and
• Connections with and opportunities at the Faculty of Economics at the University.

The College Teaching Officer will also receive a formal annual appraisal from another Fellow of the College.

Conditions of Employment

The successful candidate will be employed by the College for a three year fixed term, without possibility of renewal, from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2022 or for a similar period with dates to be agreed, as a College Teaching Officer subject to its Statutes and Ordinances. They will be elected to a Fellowship of the College and will be expected to reside in Cambridge. The stipend will be equivalent to points 47–49 of the Cambridge University scale (currently £38,460–£40,792); the Fellow will also be eligible for participation in the University
Superannuation Scheme. Any additional teaching beyond the contractual requirement of 120 hours per annum will be paid at the normal hourly rates for College supervision.

Fellows are normally offered single-occupancy residential accommodation in College: the stipend is subject to a reduction of approximately 15% if the Fellow chooses to accept this offer and reside in College. If the Fellow lives out of College, a room is provided for teaching and other academic purposes. The College has a car park (in the centre of Cambridge) which Fellows may use. Fellows are also entitled to seven free meals a week in College, and there is a small annual entertainment allowance.

Applications

Letters of application (there are no forms) should be sent to masters-assistant@christs.cam.ac.uk to arrive no later than noon on Tuesday 20th November 2018, including a *curriculum vitae* with details of qualifications, publications and teaching and professional experience; one publication or a piece of work representative of the candidate's research at its best; an indication of whether a work visa would be required in order to take up the post; and the names and addresses of two persons who have agreed to act as academic referees. Candidates must arrange for their referees to send their reference direct to masters-assistant@christs.cam.ac.uk *so that references are received by the closing date of noon on Tuesday 20th November 2018*. Short-listed candidates may be asked for copies of written work and may be invited for interviews in Cambridge.

It should be noted that a successful candidate for the Fellowship who does not have an automatic right to work in the United Kingdom will be subject to the visa requirements of the United Kingdom. The College will give advice and assistance but ultimately it will be the responsibility of the candidate to obtain the necessary visa.

Appendix 1: Christ’s College

Christ’s has over 500 years of history and its beautiful buildings are located in the heart of Cambridge. It has a dynamic fellowship which includes both eminent academics who are leaders in their field, and also young researchers supported by Christ’s generous early career research funding. Christ’s Fellowship is highly international, and its members have studied and worked in universities all over the world. The College is small enough to be friendly and personal, yet large enough for all members to be able to find others with interests to match their own.

Appendix 2: The Faculty of Economics and Cambridge–INET

The Faculty is one of the largest in the country, with thirty-five full-time teaching officers, including twelve Professors. Nine Faculty members are Fellows of the British Academy, seven are Fellows of the Econometric Society, and one is a Fellow of the Royal Society.

The Faculty’s Professorial establishment is currently:
- Giancarlo Corsetti (Professor of Macroeconomics)
- Robert Evans (Professor of Economic Theory)
- Sanjeev Goyal (Professor of Economics)
- Christopher Harris (Professor of Economics)
Oliver Linton (Professor of Political Economy)
Hamish Low (Professor of Economics)
Kaivan Munshi (Frank Ramsey Professor of Economics)
Sheilagh Ogilvie (Professor of Economic History)
Alexey Onatskiy (Professor of Econometrics)
Hamid Sabourian (Professor of Economics and Game Theory)

Other Professors Emeritus of the Faculty are:
William Brown
Sir Partha Dasgupta
Andrew Harvey
David Newbery
Hashem Pesaran
Richard J. Smith

The Faculty has a vibrant research environment with regular seminars in microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics and additionally more specialized seminars reflecting the research interests of Faculty members. Economists based in Cambridge are encouraged to initiate and take part in Faculty research projects. Many externally funded research projects operate within the Faculty. More information is available on http://www.econ.cam.ac.uk.

The recent receipt of substantial funds has enabled the Faculty to establish the Cambridge–INET Institute. The objects and purpose of the Institute are to act as a global centre of excellence for fundamental research in economics and a hub of a global network and endeavour to share best practice. The four research themes of the Institute are Networks, crowds and markets; Transmission mechanisms and economic policy; Information, uncertainty and incentives; Empirical analysis of financial markets. More information about Cambridge–INET is on https://www.inet.econ.cam.ac.uk.

Economists at Cambridge can apply for funding to The Keynes Fund for Applied Economics, which was launched in the Faculty in response to the world financial crisis of 2008 and its continuing economic consequences. Its purpose is to provide grants for research, fellowships and teaching at the intersection of financial markets with the real economy of employment, production and consumption with particular focus on capital market mispricing, the design of incentive systems and mechanisms to reduce the incidence and significance of institutional or general economic failure as well as responsive public policies. More information about the Keynes Fund is on http://www.keynesfund.econ.cam.ac.uk.