



COLLEGE LECTURER IN PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

Further Particulars

St. John's College invite applications for a 0.75 FTE fixed-term College Lectureship in Physical Chemistry. The appointment is available for the period 1st October 2025 – 30th September 2026. This is a temporary, fixed-term position and will therefore not be extended or renewed.

About the College

Established in 1555 as a constituent college of the University of Oxford, St John's College fosters excellence in education and research. It is one of the largest among Oxford Colleges and nearly every subject studied at the University has its representation. Today, St John's is home to approximately 390 undergraduates, 250 graduate students, 100 fellows and 25 College lecturers. A vibrant international community, it fosters intellectual rigour, creativity, and independence in its students, teachers, and researchers. The College supports a range of research activities including discussions, seminars, workshops, public lectures and visiting scholar schemes, as well as the Research Centre, which particularly emphasizes interdisciplinary approaches. While scholarly publication is naturally at the heart of our research endeavours, the fellowship is also committed to informing policy and public debate, and to teaching that is informed by research findings.

Further information about the College is available at <http://www.sjc.ox.ac.uk>

Chemistry at St John's

St John's teaching in Chemistry is carried out by Prof Angela Russell (Organic Chemistry), Prof Robert Hoyer (Inorganic Chemistry) and Dr Devinder Sivia (Maths and Physics). The college normally admits 8 undergraduates each year to read Chemistry along with ca 6 graduate students reading for the D.Phil. degree.

Main duties and responsibilities

The successful candidate will be required:

- (i) to provide up to an average of 6 hours of teaching in tutorials or classes to 1st, 2nd and 3rd year chemistry undergraduates during each week of full term, as directed by the Senior Tutor.
- (ii) to share pastoral duties and participate in the organisation of teaching in Physical Chemistry in the College and undergraduate admissions as required,
- (iii) to set (and mark) start of term collections for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year chemistry undergraduates as required;
- (v) to contribute as appropriate to the College's access and outreach initiatives.

Selection criteria

The appointee will be able to demonstrate:

- (i) an ability to provide a high standard of teaching to very able and challenging undergraduates;
- (ii) the ability to undertake pastoral responsibilities for undergraduate students;
- (iii) good communication skills and evidence of the sensitivity required to deal effectively with pastoral duties;
- (iv) willingness to take part in Open Days, schools visits and other access and outreach activities;
- (v) An excellent academic track record in the subject, commensurate with career stage.

Remuneration and benefits

The salary will be grade 7 of point 1 of the University scale, grade 7, currently £38,674 p.a., and is dependant on qualifications and experience. Pro rata, this equates to an annual salary of £29,005. This figure will be adjusted to grade 6.1, currently £34,982 per annum (£26,982 pro rata) for candidates who do not hold a doctorate. This is inclusive of the Oxford University Weighting payment.

The appointee will automatically be enrolled in the USS pension scheme.

The appointee may have paid by College or reclaim, teaching & scholarship allowance of up to £1,500 p.a. during the course of their appointment, subject to approval in advance by the relevant College Officer. There is an entertainment allowance of £358 p.a. The post will carry come SCR dining privileges, subject to availability. A teaching room, which may be shared, may be provided, subject to availability.

There is no entitlement to sabbatical leave.

Please note that this role is expressed as a 0.75 FTE fractional role. Where a qualified candidate holds another substantive employment, which would prevent them taking up a fractional role at this FTE, but would be able to do the required teaching, the College would be open to discussing an arrangement to cover the teaching using a stipendiary lecturer arrangement, paid at the rate laid out in the Senior Tutors' Register of Payments.

Application procedure

There is no application form. Candidates should email a covering letter and a curriculum vitae with details of qualifications and experience to academic.vacancies@sjc.ox.ac.uk. Applications should be in the form of a single PDF file. Candidates must also provide the names of two academic referees who should be asked to email their references to the same address.

Both applications and references should reach the College no later than 12pm on 4th April 2025. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interview are expected to be held week commencing 14th April 2025.

Candidates are encouraged to include a completed equal opportunity monitoring form with their application. Your information will not form part of the selection process and will not be disclosed to the selection panel. Please send this electronically as a separate PDF document to academic.vacancies@sjc.ox.ac.uk.

Right to work in the UK

The appointment will be subject to the provision of proof of the right to work in the UK. The role will not meet the requirements to obtain a Skilled Worker visa for new entrants to the UK, however applications are welcome from candidates who don't currently have the right to work in the UK, but who would be eligible to obtain a visa via another route. It might be possible for a Tier 2 or Skilled Worker visa holder to engage in this role as supplementary employment. Please contact the HR team to discuss this possibility before applying.

Equal Opportunities

St John's College is an Equal Opportunities Employer. Further information can be obtained on the College website at: <https://www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/discover/about-college/legal/college-policies/>