



STIPENDIARY LECTURSHIP IN PHYSICS

Further Particulars

St. John's College invite applications for a Stipendiary Lectureship in Physics. The appointment is available for the period 1st October 2026 – 30th September 2027. 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 420 undergraduates, 250 graduate students, 100 fellows and 25 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>

Physics at St John's

St. John's has an intake of 6 students per year. The teaching for the first 3 years of the course is normally mainly done by two fellows and two lecturers. St. John's attracts very high calibre students and we ensure that the tutorials are adjusted to be at appropriate level for all our students.

Main duties and responsibilities

The successful candidate will be required:

- (i) To provide six hours of tutorial teaching in first and second year Electromagnetism and Optics and second year Mathematical Methods, during each week of full term, as directed by the Physics Tutors;

- (ii) to arrange (and mark) start of term collections for all three years as required;
- (iii) to contribute as appropriate to the College's access and outreach initiatives

Substantive administrative and pastoral leadership will not form part of this part-time role, which is focussed on teaching, but the postholder will work with the College's Physics tutorial fellows to triage and help deal with any such pastoral (etc) matters that arise during the course of teaching. The postholder may be asked to assist with undergraduate admissions, for which separate payment will be made on an hourly basis.

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) good communication skills and evidence of the sensitivity required to deal effectively with pastoral duties;
- (iii) willingness to take part in Open Days, schools visits and other access and outreach activities;

Preference may be given to candidates who have, or expect to have completed by 1st October 2025 a doctorate in Physics, but current doctoral candidates will also be considered.

Remuneration and benefits

The salary will be on the Senior Tutors scale for a six-hour stipendiary lecturer, currently £18,170 per annum.

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 some 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.

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 6th August 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.

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.

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/collegepolicies/>