



College Lecturer in Biochemistry

Further Particulars

St. John's College invites applications for a fixed-term 1.0 FTE College Lectureship in Biochemistry. The postholder will help provide teaching in Biochemistry to undergraduates enrolled in the Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, and Medicine courses, and also become an integrated member of the academic community in College. The appointment is available for the period 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2028, with the possibility of an extension for one further and final year.

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 Oxford Colleges and nearly every subject studied at the University is represented. 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 emphasises 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>

Biochemistry at St John's

St John's admits three undergraduates in Biochemistry each year to read the four-year course. This role will also involve teaching Biochemistry to Biomedical Sciences and Medical students, for which we admit three and six students, each year respectively.

The successful candidate will join a large and active team of medical and molecular scientists in the College including Fellows in Biochemistry (Prof Jason Schnell), Biomedical Sciences (Dr Sandra Campbell), Physiology (Profs Armin Lak and Zoltan Molnar), and Psychology (Profs Kate Nation and Laurence Hunt), in addition to early career researchers, postdoctoral fellows and visiting researchers. The post offers the opportunity to develop skills in teaching, research, and academic administration in a supportive environment. Our academic staff all play an active role in our established Access and Outreach programmes, which are a key component of the College's Strategic Plan.

Main duties and responsibilities

The successful candidate will be required:

- i. to provide up to an average of 8 hours of teaching (tutorials and classes) during each week of full term, as directed by the Senior Tutor and Tutor in Biochemistry; candidates must be able to provide undergraduate tutorials in Biochemistry, including biochemistry teaching for students in Biomedical Sciences and Medicine.
- ii. to share pastoral duties and contribute to the delivery of the subject and the needs of the College as directed by the Senior Tutor and subject tutors.
- iii. to set (and mark) start-of-term collections as required.
- iv. To prepare student reports and attend Presidential/Provost collection for students at the end of term
- v. to run or assist in the undergraduate admissions process in College.
- vi. to provide 1-2 hours of support during each full week of term towards the College's access and outreach activities.

Selection criteria

The appointee will hold a doctorate, or be close to completion, with the thesis to be submitted no later than three months before the start date of the post. In addition, the candidate will be able to demonstrate:

- i. ability to provide a high standard of teaching in Biochemistry to very able undergraduates;
- ii. an interest and ability to teach using original and recently published manuscripts;
- iii. an ability to supervise undergraduate literature projects;
- iv. the ability to undertake pastoral responsibilities for undergraduate students, and assist as required with the teaching of biochemistry in College;
- v. good communication skills and the sensitivity, discretion, and judgement required to undertake pastoral responsibilities effectively;
- vi. the ability to take part in Open Days, school visits and other access and outreach activities;
- vii. knowledge of the undergraduate admissions process, or willingness to learn;
- viii. excellent administrative skills.

Remuneration and benefits

The salary will be 1.0 FTE paid at the equivalent of University grade 7.1 currently £39,424 per annum including a pensionable Oxford University Weighting payment which will be paid in equal monthly instalments and pro-rated for part time appointments. Salaries are paid monthly in arrears and are subject to annual review in line with increases in academic salary scales as agreed by the College's Governing Body. The appointee will automatically be enrolled in the Universities Superannuation Scheme. Further details can be found here: <https://www.uss.co.uk/>

There is a teaching and research allowance of £1500/year during the period of appointment. There is also an annual entertainment allowance of £358.

The postholder will hold Common Table dining privileges as determined from time to time by the Governing Body as being appropriate for College Lecturers. At present, these are full dining privileges in the Senior Common Room (when available). A teaching room, which may be shared, may be provided, subject to availability. The College will provide a computer if needed. There is no entitlement to sabbatical leave.

Application procedure

There is no application form. Candidates should email a covering letter (of no more than two pages) and a curriculum vitae with details of qualifications, publications 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 7th October 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.

Candidates are encouraged to include a completed equal opportunities monitoring form with their application. The information provided 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.

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/>

Applications for this post are particularly welcome from women, disabled candidates, and candidates from Black and minority ethnic backgrounds who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford.