

Further Particulars

Job title: Lecturer in Economics

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Department: Economics

Accountable to: Head of Department

The London School of Economics and Political Science

The London School of Economics and Political Science is an independent and autonomous institution with the status of a School within the federal University of London. The School was founded in 1895.

At present there are 23 academic departments and 16 research centres. The subjects taught and researched are all in the sphere of the social sciences, broadly conceived. The School also houses the British Library of Political and Economic Science, one of the finest collections in the world of social science materials.

The LSE is an active participant in the nation's public life. Located in central London, the School enjoys a high level of interaction with Westminster, Whitehall, the City, and London's legal and media centres.

The School has approximately 9,000 full-time students. About half of the School's full-time students are post-graduate, and over sixty-six per cent of the student cohort are from countries outside the UK. The School employs approximately 2,850 salaried staff.

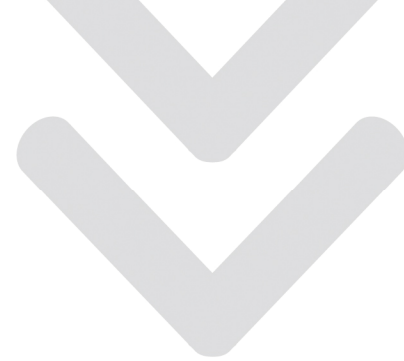
LSE has confirmed its position as a world-leading research university, with outstanding success in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise. LSE has the highest percentage of world-leading research of any university in the country, topping or coming close to the top of a number of rankings of research excellence.

It is equal second in the UK when universities are ranked using a grade point average of their research strengths; first when universities are ranked according to the percentage of their research receiving the top 4* (world-leading) grade, and fourth when universities are ranked according to the percentage of their research receiving either 4* or 3* (internationally excellent) grades.

The holder of the post will enjoy the facilities and benefits open to full-time members of the academic staff of the School.

The Department of Economics

With over 60 academic staff and approximately 1200 students (including 100 PhD students), the Department is one of the largest in the world. It is also one of the leading research departments: in the 2008 review of university research by the UK Higher Education Funding Councils, the department came top, whether ranked by grade point average or by the percentage of research receiving the top 4* grade. 60 per cent of our research activity was considered world-leading and a further 35 per cent considered internationally excellent.



In rankings of departments, based on publications in leading journals and peer review, the Department is consistently placed in the top 15 worldwide, far ahead of any other department in Europe. A recent ranking by Tilburg University of publications in top economics journals 2004-2009 places the Department equal 8th worldwide.

The main degrees offered within the Department are: BScs in Economics, and in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics; MScs in Economics, in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics and the MRes/PhD in Economics. In addition to its main degree programmes, the Department also cooperates with the departments of Economic History, Geography, Government, Mathematics, and Philosophy in the teaching of a number of joint degrees.

Our faculty is as cosmopolitan as our student body, with well over half the members of staff having been born or educated outside the UK, and nearly two-thirds of students coming from overseas.

Research activity takes place both within the Department and in a number of related semi-autonomous research centres. The main research centres are:

- The Centre for Economic Performance (CEP), an ESRC Interdisciplinary Research Centre established in 1990.
- The Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines (STICERD), which acts as an umbrella organization to several autonomous research groups using common technical support, funded by the Japanese multinationals Suntory and Toyota.
- The Financial Markets Group (FMG).

We are one of the leading research departments in the world, consistently being ranked as the top department outside the United States¹. In the most recent review of university research by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, the Department came top with 60 per cent of research activity considered world-leading and a further 35 per cent considered internationally excellent.

Ten current or former members of staff or students have been awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics (Sir John Hicks, 1972; Friedrich von Hayek, 1974; James Meade, 1977; Sir Arthur Lewis, 1979; Merton Miller, 1990; Ronald Coase, 1991; Amartya Sen, 1998; Robert Mundell 1999, George Akerlof, 2001; Chris Pissarides, 2010).

There are several Fellows of the British Academy and of the Econometric Society among its current staff.

The size of the Department ensures that a wide range of approaches to economics is represented. The Department provides, or has very recently provided, homes and editors for many of the leading journals (including the American Economic Review, Economica, Econometrica, the Review of Economic Studies and the Journal of Public Economics.) and Associate Editors or members of Boards of Editors for journals too numerous to list.

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¹Impact, age and self-citation adjusted. Kalaitzidakis, P., Mamuneas, T. and Stengos, T., 2001, "Rankings of Academic Journals and Institutions in Economics", *European Economic Review*, 2004
Lubrano, M., Bauwens, L., Kirkman A. and Protopopescu, C., 2003, "Ranking Economic Departments in Europe: A statistical approach", *European Economic Review*, 2004