College Research Associates in Medical Sciences and Biochemistry

Further Particulars

St. Peter’s College invites applications for Research Associates with effect from 1 October 2021 for two years in the first instance. The College hopes to recruit up to four Research Associates to act as College Advisors to up to eight graduate students each, in Medical Sciences and Biochemistry.

Graduate Advisors are members of St Peter’s SCR who offer pastoral support and academic advice of a general character to graduate students at St Peter’s College. The College aims to provide each graduate student in the college with a College Advisor who is carrying out research and/or teaching at Oxford in a discipline cognate to the student’s own. Familiarity with the structure of the degree course the student is undertaking is desirable.

Responsibilities

The Research Associates will be expected to:

a) Meet all new advisees in first term of residence, as early as is feasible, and establish a basis for future contact.

b) Offer the opportunity to all advisees on full-time taught courses to meet at least once a term, and offer all other advisees this opportunity at least once a year.

c) Maintain email contact with advisees, where meeting in person is not feasible.

d) Monitor advisees’ progress, by reviewing and where appropriate discussing their University supervision reports, and by being available for consultation, either in person or by email.

e) Offer advisees the opportunity to discuss any problems or difficulties they may be experiencing in their Department and/or with their supervisor.

f) Consult the Tutor for Graduates and Deputy Registrar if there are concerns about an advisee’s academic progress and/or if they appear to be experiencing difficulties with their academic work.

g) Offer general advice on academic-related matters and career plans.

h) Provide pastoral support, directing advisees to the College Welfare team and other appropriate services for assistance.
Selection Criteria

The successful candidates will:

a) Hold or have recently held a research and/or teaching position at the University of Oxford in Medical Sciences, Biochemistry or a cognate discipline.

b) Be competent to act as a College Advisor to up to eight graduate students in Medical Sciences or Biochemistry and cognate disciplines, and take a part in their pastoral care.

c) Be able to show evidence of being, or potentially being, an effective College Advisor.

Benefits

The Research Associateships will be non-stipendiary. The Research Associates will be Associate Members of the Senior Common Room and will be entitled, free of charge, to two informal meals in College per week during term-time and additionally two Tuesday night formal dinners per term. These formal dinners provide an opportunity to meet up with advisees if wished.

Application Procedure

Applications should be sent by email to academic.appointments@spc.ox.ac.uk to arrive not later than noon on Thursday 9 September 2021. Applications should include: a letter of application; a curriculum vitae; and the name of one academic referee. Candidates should supply their referee with a copy of the further particulars and ask them to email their reference directly to academic.appointments@spc.ox.ac.uk by the same closing date.

Interviews are expected to be held at St Peter’s on the morning of Thursday 23 September 2021.

General queries can be sent to the Tutor for Graduates tutorforgraduates@spc.ox.ac.uk (Prof Geoff Nicholls).

St Peter’s is an equal opportunities employer.

The appointment will be subject to the provision of proof of the right to work in the UK.