UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  

READERSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS  

JOB DESCRIPTION  

THE ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT  

The Chair of Political Economy at UCL was created in 1827 in memory of David Ricardo, establishing the first Department of Economics in England. The modern department has an outstanding international reputation in key areas of current research including applied theory, microeconometrics, game theory, labour economics, development economics, macroeconomics, industrial economics and environmental economics. It is one of only 2 economics departments in the UK to achieve the ‘double 5*’ rating in the two most recent national Research Assessment Exercises, achieving the top 5* grade in 1996 and 2001. 

The department offers a number of undergraduate degree programmes, a vigorous Affiliate students programme for undergraduate students from US universities, Masters programmes in Economics and in Environmental and Resource Economics and a structured PhD programme. It is the only ‘double 5*’ department of economics in the UK to be also awarded the top score of 24/24 for the quality of teaching in the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) Subject Review in 2001. 

The Department of Economics at UCL is a medium-sized department by UK standards, having a regular academic staff of 35, supplemented by temporary and part-time staff and an active programme of academic visitors. There are currently over 600 undergraduate students studying in the department and more than 100 graduate students. 

The Department of Economics forms part of the Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences at UCL. 

SUMMARY OF JOB FUNCTION  

To contribute to the enhancement of the department’s role as a leading international academic institution. This will include sustained research activity and peer-reviewed research publication in the field of Environmental and Resource Economics; high-quality and innovative undergraduate and graduate teaching of Economics; supervision of research students within the post-holder's field of expertise; success in raising research grants and other income to support departmental research and other activities; collaboration and co-operation with colleagues in the above activities. The successful candidate will also contribute to the management or administration of the department. 

To show academic leadership, through significant and influential research publications in the field of Environmental and Resource Economics, and through
interactions with students, staff colleagues at UCL, and through engagement with the wider research community in Environmental and Resource Economics.

To facilitate and enhance the personal contributions of academic colleagues.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

• To teach at undergraduate and graduate level in areas allocated by the Head of Department

• To carry out research and produce publications

• To supervise students including MPhil/PhD students

• To participate in departmental/Faculty activities aimed at sharing research outcomes and building interdisciplinary collaboration within and outside the department

• To participate in the administration of the department’s programmes of study

• To maintain her or his own continuing professional development

• To actively follow and promote UCL policies, including Equal Opportunities
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PERSON SPECIFICATION

Qualifications/Experience

Essential

- A doctoral degree in Economics or another relevant discipline
- Outstanding research portfolio and international reputation in the field of Environmental and Resource Economics
- Proven research collaboration with other research teams, institutions or individuals
- Track record of extensive publications in high quality, peer-reviewed economic journals
- Evidence of excellence in teaching
- A commitment to teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels
- Evidence of the ability to provide successful research supervision, including doctoral supervision
- Evidence of ability and effectiveness in administration

Desirable

- Evidence of the ability to attract external research grant funding, and to manage funded research programmes
- Innovative contribution to the subject through development of teaching and/or learning aids in the form of books, videos, computer assisted learning materials etc.

Personal Qualities

- Commitment to academic research and continuing professional development
• Commitment to teaching excellence and fostering a positive learning environment for students

• Commitment to and appreciation of UCL’s policy of equal opportunities and the ability to work harmoniously with colleagues and students of all cultures and backgrounds