



SENIOR LECTURER/READER IN ISLAMIC ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

Full-Time, Permanent

Further Particulars

Salary range: £42,226 – £51,894

The Al-Maktoum College of Higher Education was founded in 2001 to bridge the possible gap between the Muslim and western worlds by focusing on intelligent debate and scientific understanding of Islam and the role of Muslims in the contemporary world. In its relatively short history, a total of 140 students from over 30 countries have successfully graduated from the College's postgraduate degree programmes, mainly PhDs. The College has widened its scope as a Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) Centre and has recently signed a collaborative agreement with the University of Dundee to deliver three MSc Islamic Finance degrees. The agreement between the two institutions brings together the considerable strength of the University of Dundee in conventional finance and the extensive understanding of Al-Maktoum College in Islamic political economy and finance.

The three new degrees are:

1. MSc Islamic Finance
2. MSc Islamic Banking and Finance
3. MSc Islamic Banking, Finance and International Business

Contents of the Islamic modules were designed by the College and have been incorporated into the University of Dundee MSc programmes that are subject to the University's quality assurance procedures. The MSc degrees will be awarded by the University of Dundee.

The College campus is in central Dundee, but the College has partnerships and relationships throughout the UK and internationally.

Applications are invited for the above post at Al-Maktoum College. The position will be full time, permanent at the Senior Lecturer or Reader level. The successful applicant will have proven research and teaching expertise and be able to make a strong contribution to the academic profile of the College in 2019 and beyond. S/he will have proven teaching and research expertise in the area of Islamic Economics and Finance and be able to contribute to teaching in any relevant areas, including but not restricted to Islamic Moral Economy and Finance, Islamic Capital Markets, Islamic Commercial Law and Financial Transactions, Applied Islamic Banking and Insurance, Islamic Accounting and Auditing, and Risk Management in Islamic Banking and Finance, Active participation in the activities of College's other programmes is also expected.

The successful candidate will be expected to be an active researcher and teacher, with significant research publications appropriate to their level of appointment, and the ability to teach and supervise at postgraduate level and to make a substantial contribution to the College's research activities. Fluency in English is essential and the knowledge of one or more languages of Islam, preferably Arabic, is desirable for the post.

The successful candidate will be required to participate in administrative duties relating to various aspects of the work of the College as assigned by the Head of College, including the effective delivery of Al-Maktoum College's quality assurance systems and other related activities, and the promotion of the College's programmes and activities. The successful candidate will also be expected to be at all times an excellent ambassador for the College.



Duties & Responsibilities:

1. Sustained and continued academic leadership together with close and positive cooperation with other academic colleagues both internal and external.
2. Teach post graduate students undertaking College programmes of study (this includes interdisciplinary programmes delivery across the College and with external collaborators).
3. Ensure that the quality of the delivery and assessment of courses meet the standards and expectations of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) as well as College's collaborators, the University of Dundee and the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).
4. Develop and deliver resources and teaching materials to meet programme/course frameworks and learning outcomes on a range of programmes.
5. Set, mark and assess students' work, ensuring learning outcomes have been met and feedback is both detailed and constructive.
6. Work closely with senior colleagues to increase levels of student achievement and learning opportunities in the areas of teaching and learning.
7. Assist other colleagues in the College to develop their research, scholarly activity and education through such means as joint publications and the leadership and collaborative development of research, scholarly activity and education projects.
8. Conduct and publish high quality research (at an international level) including a track record of publications with internationally recognised peer reviewed journals and publishers.
9. Apply for and secure research income from such bodies as the research councils, charitable and scientific foundations, commercial enterprises, government and other sponsors.
10. Supervise research students, lead research training, give focal lectures and seminars and join in the organisation of College research events.
11. Interact on a professional level with relevant internal and external professional bodies to ensure currency of knowledge, relevancy and accreditations.
12. Participate in the development of internal and external partnerships to disseminate information, share best practice, establish opportunities for collaborative work and enhance the reputation of the College.
13. Contribute to the improvement and enhancement of education in the College through innovative curriculum and pedagogy.
14. Demonstrate a full and active role in the life of the College and enhancing its public reputation as a centre of education, research, enterprise and scholarship.
15. Carry out personal and professional development to enhance subject authority and to contribute to the College's reputation for academic and professional excellence.
16. Undertake such leadership roles as may be determined by the Head of College.



Person Specification

Essential characteristics:

- A well-established reputation at the national and international level in the field of Islamic Economics and Finance and a track record of publications as a researcher.
- Completion and award of a PhD from a recognised university
- Experience of teaching undergraduate & postgraduate students
- Experience of curriculum design and development
- Experience of using blended learning and e-learning technologies such as virtual learning environments
- Ability to teach in the core areas of accountancy and Islamic banking e.g. Sharia compliant banking operations
- Ability to provide research supervision to doctoral level in a broad range of Islamic Economics and Finance.
- Fluency in English in both written and verbal communication
- Established track record in obtaining external funding and research grants
- Evidence of consultancy and/or professional practice
- Ability and willingness to work within the requirements for quality assurance, learning and teaching frameworks, and research excellence of the UK higher education system
- Enthusiasm and commitment for the vision, mission, aims and objectives of the Institute in relation to its expansion policy and strategy, whilst remaining at all times an excellent ambassador for the College
- Ability to contribute significantly to the organisation of seminars, offering subject specific training in research methodology, and to attend and contribute to the College's research seminars and workshops

Desirable characteristics:

- Interest and/or research expertise/experience in one or more area within the broad subject of Islamic Studies.
- Good administrative skills and experience of administration at the departmental level.
- Up to date professional accreditation e.g. ACCA, CIMA, ATT or other professional qualification or relevant professional experience.
- Knowledge of Arabic Language in terms of dealing with concepts related to Islamic Economics and Finance.

Interviews

Interviews will be held in Dundee during mid-June 2019.



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Salary and Conditions

The post will be full time, permanent at the Senior Lecturer/ Reader level.

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Further information is available from:

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Applications

Informal inquiries can be made to Dr A G Abubaker – a.abubaker@almcollege.org.uk

You are required to complete an online application form and upload a covering letter and a full CV. The applications should include the names and addresses of three referees. These should be asked to send their references at the same time of application directly to:

Ms Lynn Osborne-Moore
PA to the Head of College
Al-Maktoum College Higher Education
124 Blackness Road
Dundee DD1 5PE
UK

Applicants should ensure that their references reach the College by the end of business on Monday 13 May 2019. Failure to do so may result in the application not being considered for short listing.

Closing date for applications: Monday 13 May 2019

Applicants will only be contacted if invited for interview.