



Al-Maktoum College  
of Higher Education

## LECTURER IN ISLAMIC ECONOMICS AND FINANCE

**Full-Time, Permanent**

### Further Particulars

**Salary range: £36,448 – £41,002**

The Al-Maktoum College 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 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 lecturer level. The successful applicant will have a strong teaching and research profile 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 Moral Economy and Finance, Capital Markets, Commercial Law and Financial Transactions, Applied Banking and Insurance, Accounting and Auditing, and Risk Management in Banking and Finance, Active participation in the activities of other Programmes at the College is also expected.

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 also be expected to take on administrative responsibilities at the College relating to administration of MSc Islamic Finance Programme and Professional Diploma in Islamic Economics and Finance accredited by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The successful candidate will be expected to:

1. Teach undergraduate and post graduate students undertaking College programmes of study (this includes interdisciplinary programmes delivery across the College and with external collaborators)
2. Provide academic and pastoral support to students
3. Work closely with senior colleagues to increase levels of achievement and students' learning opportunities



4. 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)
5. Produce high quality research in the area of Islamic economics and finance
6. Involve actively in the recruitment of students for the programmes in Islamic Economic and Finance
7. Participate in enterprise and external engagement activities within the College
8. Keep their knowledge up-to-date and to be scholarly active in the area of Islamic Economics and Finance

#### **DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Support the management and direction of students and learning resources on programmes as assigned by the Principal.
2. Develop and deliver resources and teaching materials to meet programme/course frameworks and learning outcomes on a range of programmes.
3. Teach undergraduate and postgraduate students in the area of Islamic economics and finance, and possibly other relevant programmes required by the College, to the highest professional standards.
4. Supervise the work of taught undergraduate/postgraduate and/or research students, as required.
5. Set, mark and assess students' work, ensuring learning outcomes have been met and feedback is both detailed and constructive.
6. Undertake scholarly activities in order to contribute to the development of the field of Islamic Economics and Finance.
7. Conduct and publish high quality research (at an international level) including a track record of publications with internationally recognised peer reviewed journals and publishers.
8. Apply for and secure research income from such bodies as the research councils, charitable and scientific foundations, commercial enterprises, government and other sponsors.
9. Contribute to the enhancement of higher education in the College through innovative curriculum and pedagogy.
10. Interact on a professional level with relevant internal and external professional bodies to ensure currency of knowledge, relevancy and accreditations.
11. 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.
12. Engage with quality assurance processes/procedures to ensure that academic standards are met.
13. Participate and contribute to the College's academic meetings/boards as appropriate to the role.
14. Co-ordinate student events, as required ensuring effective use of time and resources.
15. Be strongly involved in pre-entry, recruitment, selection and admissions activities in order to promote the College and gain a better understanding of student needs/expectations.
16. Provide a first point of contact for student welfare issues, referring problems on where they are complex or serious.
17. Carry out personal and professional development to enhance subject authority and to contribute to the College's reputation for academic and professional excellence.
18. To be flexible in the role and to undertake relevant academic and operational duties as assigned by the Principal.



## Person Specification

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Essential</b>	<b>Desirable</b>
<b>Qualifications:</b>	Completion and award of a PhD from a recognised university in a relevant subject	Other professional qualification or relevant professional experience  PG Certificate in HE Teaching or HEA Fellowship (or willingness to undertake either)
<b>Knowledge and Experience:</b>	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 and Finance	Knowledge of the current debates and recent developments in the education management  Established track record in obtaining external funding and research grants  Publication profile in peer-reviewed journals  Experience of doctoral supervision
<b>Specific Skills:</b>	Good interpersonal skills; an assured and confident communicator  Ability to respond enthusiastically and positively to students  Self-motivated, goal and outcome orientated  Flexible, resilient and able to work to tight deadlines  Ability to work co-operatively and effectively with colleagues and provide an effective leadership role and enthusiasm for contribution in general to the Institute	Evidence of scholarly activity in the form of recent publications.  Evidence of consultancy and/or professional practice.
<b>General Skills:</b>	A commitment and enthusiasm for teaching  A commitment to the College and its values, aims and objectives	



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### **Interviews**

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

### **Salary and Conditions**

The post will be full time, permanent at the Lecturer 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](mailto: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.**