JOB TITLE: RESEARCH ASSISTANT, EL-ERIAN INSTITUTE

REPORTS TO: EL-ERIAN PROFESSOR OF BEHAVIOURAL ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

Background

Cambridge Judge Business School (CJBS) leverages the power of academia for real world impact to transform individuals, organisations, and society. Since 1990, Cambridge Judge has forged a reputation as a centre of rigorous thinking and high-impact transformative education, situated within one of the world's most prestigious research universities, and in the heart of the Cambridge Cluster, the most successful technology entrepreneurship cluster in Europe.

The purpose of this role is to support and maintain the Business School's national and international reputation for excellence in teaching and research. Contribution to excellence in research will be as a member of the research team carrying out research under the direction of a principal investigator to include data collection, analysis, and some interpretation.

The postholder will join the El Erian Institute for Behavioural Economics and Public Policy, a new interdisciplinary institute housed in Cambridge Judge Business School. It is led by its inaugural Director, the El Erian Professor of Behavioural Economics and Public Policy. We are currently a team of seven members and are looking for someone who would like to support our research and teaching.

Further information about the Institute can be found at www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/eei.

Main responsibilities

Research

- Undertake basic research; preparing, setting up, conducting and recording the outcome of experiments and field work.
- Conduct literature and database searches.
- Continue to update knowledge and develop skills.
- Write up results of own research.
- Contribute to the production of research reports and publications.
- Present information on research progress and outcomes to bodies supervising research.
- Prepare papers for steering groups and other bodies.
- Make use of standard research methods and techniques.
- Analyse and interpret the results of own research and generate original ideas based on outcomes.
Teaching and learning support

- May assist in the supervision of student projects.
- Provide limited supervision/instruction to classes.

Liaison and networking

- Liaise with students and colleagues on routine matters.
- Make internal and external contacts to develop knowledge and understanding and to form relationships for future collaboration.

Planning and organising

- Plan own day-to-day research activity within the framework of the agreed programme.
- Co-ordinate own work with that of others to avoid conflict or duplication of effort.
- Contribute to the planning of research projects.
- Help prepare events and publications

The person

The ideal candidate should have the following qualities, skills, and attributes. You are asked to provide a CV and a covering letter demonstrating how your own experience meets these requirements:

- Educated to first degree level (Master degree).
- Background in economics and/or psychology and related disciplines with relevant experience in quantitative research methods.
- Possess sufficient breadth/depth of knowledge in the discipline and of research methods and techniques to work within own area.
- Driven and committed, demonstrating initiative and self-motivation.
- Good time management and planning skills with a commitment to delivery.

Benefits

The full-time salary will be in the range £27,929 - £32,348 per annum. There will be a six-month probationary period. This is a fixed term appointment for one year in the first instance. Holiday entitlement is 33 days per annum plus eight days of public holidays.

We also welcome colleagues who are interested in a part-time position (minimum 50%).

The full incremental salary range for the position is advertised in order to demonstrate the progression for the Grade. In the majority of cases appointments will be made at the Grade minimum; only in very specific exceptional circumstances can a higher salary be offered.

The University of Cambridge comprises more than 150 departments, faculties, schools, and other institutions, plus a central administration and 31 independent and autonomous Colleges. It is one of the world's oldest and most successful universities, with an outstanding reputation for academic achievement and research.
With excellent benefits, extensive learning opportunities and a stimulating and attractive environment, the University of Cambridge is a great place to work. Our employees are eligible for a wide range of competitive benefits and services. We give them access to numerous discounts on shopping, health care, financial services, and public transport. We also offer final salary pensions and tax-efficient bicycle and car lease schemes.

We have two nurseries and a holiday play scheme to help support those with childcare responsibilities and we offer various types of family-friendly leave to aid employees’ work-life balance. In addition, we operate a number of initiatives to promote career development, health and well-being.

Further details can be found at www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/staff/benefits. There is also a range of information about living and working in Cambridge at www.jobs.cam.ac.uk.

Application arrangements

To submit an application for this vacancy, please search for this position on the University’s Job Opportunities website at www.jobs.cam.ac.uk and click on the “Apply online” button at the bottom of the relevant job description. This will route you to the University's Web Recruitment System, where you will need to register an account (if you have not already) and log in before completing the online application form.

The closing date for applications is 18 December 2022.

Interviews for shortlisted applicants will be scheduled shortly after the application close date.

Applicants are required to provide details of two referees. These will not be contacted unless the applicant is shortlisted.

Equality of opportunity at the University

The University of Cambridge is committed to a proactive approach to equality, which supports and encourages all under-represented groups, promotes an inclusive culture and values diversity. Entry into employment with the University is determined by personal merit and by the application of criteria required for the post. No applicant for an appointment or member of staff will be treated less favourably than another on the grounds of sex (including gender reassignment), marital or parental status, race, ethnic or national origin, colour, disability (including HIV status), sexual orientation, religion, age or socio-economic factors.

The University has various diversity networks which help it to progress equality; these include the Women’s Staff Network, the Disabled Staff Network, the Black and Minority Ethnic Staff Network and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Staff Network.

Information if you have a disability

The University welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities and is committed to ensuring fair treatment throughout the recruitment process. Adjustments will be made, wherever reasonable to do so, to enable applicants to compete to the best of their ability and, if successful, to assist them during their employment.

We encourage applicants to declare their disabilities in order that any special arrangements, particularly for the selection process, can be accommodated. Applicants or employees can declare a disability at any time.
Applicants wishing to discuss any special arrangements connected with their disability can, at any point in the recruitment process, contact, a member of Cambridge Judge Business School's HR team who are responsible for recruitment to this position by email on hr@jbs.cam.ac.uk.