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BATH

Professor of Economics

Candidate Pack



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Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the post of Professor in Economics in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Bath. The faculty is a diverse and vibrant community, committed to excellence in education and research, comprising of six departments:

- Economics
- Education
- Health
- Politics, Languages and International Studies
- Psychology
- Social and Policy Sciences

In addition to strong disciplinary foundations, the faculty enjoys impactful interdisciplinary research and education, cutting across different departments. We deeply care about our impact on the society, not just through our research but also by enabling students to attain their full potential in educational and employment pursuits.

The faculty hosts several research centres and research groups which you can be part of and contribute to, in meaningful ways. We also have a solid track record of research funding and knowledge exchange. In the most recent research assessment exercise (REF 2021), much of our research across six departments was classified as “world-leading” and “internationally excellent”.

Besides the strong portfolio of teaching and impactful research, we pride ourselves on our culture, prioritising equity, diversity and inclusion. We deeply value the diverse community- both staff and students and strive to make everyone feel valued and welcome. We are well known for our commitment to excellent student experience and staff wellbeing.

Global excellence with impact is our top strategic priority and you will be part of this journey. You will be joining a faculty where you will be given the space and opportunity to excel!

We look forward to welcoming you!

About

the University of Bath

Over the past fifty years, the University of Bath has evolved into an institution recognised worldwide, hosting over 19,000 students from 147 nations. Our commitment is to provide students with a comprehensive education, which includes: superior teaching led by research-driven academics; highly successful placements in our undergraduate programmes to enhance job readiness; an expansive and increasing selection of postgraduate studies; and extracurricular activities, highlighted by our award-winning sports facilities. The outcome is a highly engaged student population, distinguished by their quality, achievements, and high levels of satisfaction.

We foster a collaborative learning environment where students and faculty work closely in both educational and research endeavours. This collaboration often proves transformative for students and extends its benefits beyond the university, enhancing both local and global understanding. Our faculty work across both traditional and novel disciplines, ensuring our research delivers practical, socially and economically beneficial outcomes. Continued investment in new facilities and staff is key to amplifying our research impact.

The University makes a significant positive impact on the community and local economy, contributing approximately £380 million in Gross Value Added (GVA) to Bath and North East Somerset, and £1.2 billion to the UK economy. We maintain close ties with industry leaders and niche companies alike, and our Innovation Centre is pivotal in nurturing new enterprises.

We pride ourselves on being a dynamic community, embracing intellectual, cultural, sporting, and social pursuits. We are dedicated to leveraging our knowledge and capabilities to address real-world challenges. From its inception, the University was envisioned to stand out through its innovation and inclusivity. Our compact campus fosters a strong sense of community, reinforcing our dedication to collegiality. Our vibrant international alumni network extends our reach globally. By partnering with national and international, industrial, and social entities, we create a space where the social sciences, humanities, arts, engineering, and science converge for the greater good of the global community.



Ranked 7th

by The Times and The
Sunday Times Good
University Guide 2026



Ranked 5th

for Career prospects,
Guardian University Guide,
2026

**Ranked in the
Top 150**

We are ranked joint 132nd
out of 1,501 universities
worldwide in the QS World
University Rankings 2026

**Ranked
56**

in the QS World University
Rankings 2026 for
Sustainability



Ranked 8th

best University according
to the Complete University
Guide



**Awarded
Triple Gold**

in the Teaching Excellence
Framework (TEF) 2023



Department of Economics

The Department is a vibrant and diverse community of research active members. What began as a four-member Political Economy Group (PEG) of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) when the university was founded in 1966, is now a team of fifty-eight academics.

You will meet and work with colleagues from different parts of the world, representing different nationalities and ethnicities.

Research has been a key factor in the development of the Department, where staff undertake research in a wide range of areas across the subject. Broadly, they are organised in five research groups, reflecting the traditional sub-fields and methodological approaches in Economics.

They facilitate discussion and collaboration with external stakeholders on economic issues of interest to wider audiences.

The Department runs two regular weekly seminar programmes, in addition to internal brown bags run by research groups. It runs several specialised workshops and conferences, most of them with international participation.

The Department is currently hosting Prof. Kaushik Basu (Cornell, former Chief Economist, World Bank) as a University Global Chair 2025-27. Other honorary members include Daron Acemoglu (MIT, Nobel Laureate 2025), Scott Barrett (Columbia) and Anil Markandya (Basque Centre for Climate Change).

The Department is led by Prof. Ajit Mishra, Dr. Lucy O'Shea and Dr. Andreas Schaefer and Ms Niamh Rutterford (Department Manager).



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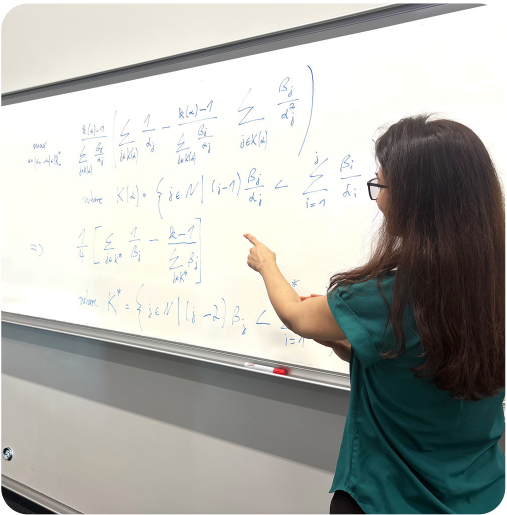
Research groups

Our research groups are:

- Microeconomic Theory
- Macro, Money and Finance
- Applied Economics: Labour, Education and Health
- Public and Political Economics
- Sustainable Development

Across these groups, there are smaller clusters also on Banking and Finance, Economics of Digitisation and Innovation, and Experimental Economics.

Scan QR to learn
about our research
groups and clusters



Staff are engaged in research with impacts on policy making and practice in the wider economy. Several members act in advisor capacities (either as consultant or panel member and knowledge exchange partner) in several organisations, including Central Bank of Iceland, DEFRA, Medical Research Council, World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, Local Councils, Committee on Minimum Wages (India) and Institute of Economic Growth.

Staff regularly contribute to popular digital and print media, on important social issues. A collection of recent writings and interviews include the effect of political posts on academics' credibility, the issue of low attendance in schools on Fridays, the impact of shared parental leave, the need for stricter drink driving limits, the health impact of urban developments, cost of car emissions and impact of AI.



Teaching Excellence



Education

In addition to offering research degree programmes (PhD, MPhil), the Department has successful taught postgraduate programmes in Economics, Economics & Finance, and Applied Economics. It also runs an online postgraduate programme in Applied Economics. The Department has a very successful undergraduate degree programme in Economics and two bespoke joint honours degrees in Economics with Politics and Economics & Mathematics

The department currently boasts nearly 1400 students across all years and courses, including a large body (about 200) of international students.

The department has maintained its reputation as an excellent centre of learning, counted in the top ten of most UK based overall rankings, with outstanding employability scores (Second rank in the country, according to the Complete University Guide 2025, <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings/economics>).



Our Commitment

Academic rigour

Our education provision is characterised by high quality and research informed teaching, and regular monitoring of our curriculum.

Skill development and employability

Our curriculum puts emphasis on skills and analytical tools rather than information gathering, and facilitated by a dedicated placement team and Employer and Alumni Advisory Board. Around 200 students are on year-long placement with various organisations.



The Opportunity



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You will be providing leadership to one of the research groups. Each group has its own regular brown bags and organises one or two workshops annually. Some colleagues contribute to multiple research groups and various Centres and Institutes at the University (i.e. Centre for Development Studies, Centre for 21st Century Public Health, Institute of Sustainability and Climate Change, Centre for Climate Adaptation and Environment Research, Institute for Policy Research).

The Department hosts several visitors, in addition to seminar and conference speakers, for longer durations. You will be able to interact and collaborate with a wide pool of researchers. We have partnerships, organisations and active association with other research organisation and policy bodies- which you can work with.

The candidate:

You will be expected to demonstrate

- A sustained record of publications in internationally leading Economics journals (general interest as well as top field journals) along with a proven track record of securing research funding and/or contracts.
- Evidence of research leadership at both national and international levels.
- The ability to provide leadership to one of our research groups.
- A proven record of excellence in teaching and PhD supervision, including innovative teaching methods.

Our Values and Benefits

We consider ourselves to be an inclusive university, where difference is celebrated, respected and encouraged. We have an excellent international reputation with staff from over 60 different nations and have made a positive commitment towards gender equality and intersectionality receiving a Silver Athena SWAN award. We truly believe that diversity of experience, perspectives, and backgrounds will lead to a better environment for our employees and students, so we encourage applications from all genders, backgrounds, and communities, particularly from under-represented groups, and value the positive impact that will have on our teams.

We are very proud to be an autism-friendly university and are an accredited Disability Confident employer committed to building disability confidence and supporting disabled staff.

Find out from our staff what makes the University of Bath a great place to work.

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Contact us

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Key Dates

Here are the key dates to keep in mind as you progress through the application process:

- **Application deadline** - 23rd January 2026
- **First round invitation** - 30th January 2026
- **Online presentation** - 9th/10th February 2026
- **Campus visit invitation** - 16th February 2026
- **Campus interviews** - 19th-20th March 2026

How to apply

Please follow the link:



Visit the vacancy on our website for more information:

<https://www.bath.ac.uk/jobs/AS13296>



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