



UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

Recruitment and Outreach Coordinator (Fixed Term)

**Mastercard Foundation Collaborative & Scholars
Program**

Academic Division

Closing Date: Sunday 22 June 2025

Job Reference: XN46069



Recruitment and Outreach Coordinator

Salary:

£33,482 - 39,355

Contract:

Fixed Term (18 months)

Location:

Cambridge and recruitment activities in Africa

Faculty / Department:

CSIH/Academic Division

Responsible to:

Programme Director

Working Pattern:

Full Time

The University of Cambridge has a Hybrid Working Policy that aims to enable as many staff as possible to work in a hybrid way if they so wish, whilst recognising that some roles will include tasks that can only be performed on University premises.

Purpose of the role

The Recruitment and Outreach Coordinator will lead targeted activities in Africa to promote the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Cambridge and increase application numbers from underrepresented countries and universities, as well as priority groups. This involves the organisation and delivery of a programme of events and activities in Africa that aligns with the recruitment and outreach strategy.

They will be responsible for coordinating a team of up to 10 alumni ambassadors across Africa, managing the schedule of recruitment and outreach events (both in-person and online) and acting as the first point of contact for training and guidance.

Key responsibilities

Alumni Ambassador Coordination

Coordinates a team of up to 10 alumni ambassadors across Africa to undertake recruitment and outreach activities to promote the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Cambridge.

Manages the selection and recruitment of alumni from underrepresented countries/universities who are willing to work as ambassadors.

Designs training materials for the alumni ambassadors and onboards new ambassadors, giving them the support and confidence to promote the programme.

Delivers training and induction sessions for ambassadors, both online and in-person. Collates feedback and evaluates the training provided to decide and implement improvements to content and guidance. Manages all induction activity and paperwork for new ambassadors.

Works with the Communications Coordinator to ensure that any communication activity, including social media activity of the alumni ambassadors, aligns with the broader communications strategy for the programme.

Acts as the primary point of contact for ambassadors and offers guidance on recruitment activities.



Key responsibilities continued...

Manages knowledge sharing and best practice among regional teams, coordinating meetings and events both in-person and online.

Identifies opportunities to foster interregional collaboration and coordinated recruitment activities.

Recruitment and Outreach

Acts as the main point of contact for recruitment and outreach activities related to the programme.

Manages participation in events organised by target institutions such as open days, academic award ceremonies, career fairs, etc. to promote the Cambridge programme. Identifies key dates, actions, events and timelines for recruitment activities of the programme, keeping the Programme Director up-to-date on progress.

Attends events both in-person and online, representing the programme and the University of Cambridge to external audiences.

Works with the Communications Coordinator to create targeted outreach and engagement materials to raise the profile of the programme and generate applications from underrepresented groups.

Creates and implements new processes for targeted recruitment and outreach activities, informed by performance monitoring and experience of developing partnerships with African institutions.

Implements new systems, tools and platforms to facilitate recruitment activities, such as mailing lists, databases and implementation of Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace applications.

Building Partnerships

Works with other Mastercard Foundation recruitment teams from partner organisations to coordinate recruitment activities and to avoid duplication of effort.

Works with current postgraduate scholars from Africa at the University of Cambridge to utilise their networks/contacts on the continent to further promote the programme.

Works with the International Student Recruitment team to identify opportunities to collaborate on activities and events to maximise impact.

Identifies new potential partners which align with target and priority groups.

Key responsibilities continued...

Pre-Application Mentorship (PAM) Project

Manages the delivery of the Pre-Application Mentorship (PAM) Project. Coordinates the mentors involved and organizes online events to support potential candidates.

Collates feedback and evaluates the training provided to decide and implement improvements to content and guidance.

Maintains and updates materials and guidance for potential applicants.

Finance Monitoring

Manages the budget allocated for recruitment activities, including responsibility for budget projections, monitoring expenditure and ensuring projects are delivered in line with available resources and in compliance with University financial procedures and regulations.

Manages the monitoring of ambassador and mentor timesheets and coordinates the facilitation of the payment of honorariums and invoices.

Ensures that all the relevant documentation and receipts are maintained in line with the University finance procedures.

Monitors costs and ensures that these are on budget, reporting any anticipated changes as they arise.

Performance Monitoring

Tracks progress of regional recruitment targets through data gathering and analysis.

Identifies areas of improvement and proposes new strategies to implement to enhance performance and impact.

Manages documentation of recruitment and outreach activities. Creates and updates documents (e.g. papers for the management board on recruitment activities and targets, reports for the Mastercard Foundation, meeting agendas, minutes etc.), develops and improves management systems and processes to ensure quality and audit trails are maintained.

Key responsibilities continued...

Data Collection and Insights

Carries out preliminary data analysis on recruitment and outreach activities to report to the Programme Director, Scholar Advisory Group and Management Board.

Manages the mentoring data base and track conversion rates.

Ensures that evaluation data is collected and analysed in order to inform the development and delivery of events in the future.

Works with the Monitoring and Evaluation Lead to collate and evaluate data on recruitment activities to assist assessment of the programme and understand changes in application trends to inform policy and strategy.

Person Specification

Criteria	Essential	Desirable
Experience		
Alumni of the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program	✓	
Experience of organising recruitment, outreach and engagement events/activities on the African continent	✓	
Experience of partnership working with external organisations	✓	
Experience of coordinating staff and contractors		✓
Skills		
Excellent communication and interpersonal skills	✓	
Excellent planning and organisational skills	✓	
Strong interpersonal skills including motivating, influencing, negotiating and networking	✓	
Ability to analyse data and statistics	✓	
Excellent presentation skills using a variety of media	✓	
Team worker with the ability to work independently and prioritise own workload	✓	
Cross-cultural mindset	✓	
Intermediate proficiency in French desirable		✓
Education		
Degree level/Level 6 vocational qualifications or equivalent level of practical experience	✓	
Additional requirements		
Availability to travel frequently	✓	
Willingness to be on work-related travel at weekends	✓	
Willingness to work flexibly, including on weekends and outside of normal working hours	✓	

Behavioural Attributes

This section summarises the behavioural attributes (or competencies) that we expect the role holder to be able to demonstrate, at what level and whether this is an essential or desirable requirement. Full definitions are at: <https://www.hr.admin.cam.ac.uk/policies-procedures/behavioural-attributes>

Please review these and provide specific examples in your application of how you have demonstrated these attributes in your work, education or other experience. It will assist your application if you explain the situation, what you did and what the outcomes were.

Attribute	Level
Valuing Diversity	A
Achieving Results	C
Communication	C
Innovation and Change	C
Negotiating and Influencing	C
People Development	C
Relationship Building	C
Strategic Focus	C

Professional Services Values

Developed by professional services staff, our values underpin everything we do. By living the values in the work we do, we hope to foster an environment where staff feel empowered. The values encourage staff to; work together and share skills to create a sense of community, act with integrity, take an inclusive and fair approach and develop honest and open relationships that are underpinned by our shared values. We encourage applicants to consider these values within their application.



Academic Division

Unified Administrative Service

The University's central Unified Administrative Service (UAS) works in partnership with Schools, Faculties and Departments, providing core professional and administrative services in support of Cambridge's academic and charitable mission. It also offers a range of expertise and skills that help support the development and implementation of policy across a number of functional areas.

The UAS is led by the Registry as the University's Principal Administrative Officer and consists of the following divisions:

- Academic Division
- Estate Management Division
- Health, Safety and Regulated Facilities Division
- Human Resources Division

Administrative staff within a number of these divisions, especially the Academic Division and Finance Division, are often physically located in Schools, Faculties and Departments, and are fully involved in their day-to-day operation.

Academic Division

The post is within the Academic Division of the UAS. The Division is responsible for supporting the General Board of the Faculties and for the academic administration of the University, including maintaining the excellence of its teaching and research. The Division is headed by the Academic Secretary and consists at present of some 300 staff, responsible for admissions, examinations, student services, education policy and quality assurance, international matters, research administration and School, Faculty and Departmental administration.

Further details about the Division can be found at:

<https://www.academic.admin.cam.ac.uk>

The position will be supported by the Cross School Initiatives Hub. The Cross School Initiatives Hub provides a range of professional services support to key academic programmes within the University's Academic Division.



Terms of Appointment

Tenure and probation

Appointment will be made on a fixed-term basis, for 18 months. This is because your employment relies on the availability of finite funds for a specific purpose that are not part of the University's general revenues.

Appointments will be subject to satisfactory completion of six-month probationary period.

Hours of Work and Working Pattern

The hours of work for the position are full-time, working Monday – Friday.

Pension

You will automatically be enrolled to become a member of USS (Universities Superannuation Scheme) – a hybrid pension scheme. For further information please visit: www.pensions.admin.cam.ac.uk/.

Annual leave

Full time employees are entitled to annual paid leave of 41 days inclusive of public holidays. For new part-time employees, annual leave will be pro rata'd based on days worked.

General information

Pre-employment checks

Right to work in the UK

We have a legal responsibility to ensure that you have the right to work in the UK before you can start working for us. If you do not have the right to work in the UK already, any offer of employment we make to you will be conditional upon you gaining it.

Health declaration Once an offer of employment has been made the successful candidate will be required to complete a work health declaration form.

Qualifications

The person specification for this position lists qualifications that are essential and/or desirable. Please note that if you are offered the post, you will be asked to provide your relevant original certificates of these qualifications.

References - offers of appointment will be subject to the receipt of satisfactory references.

Information if you have a disability

The University welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities. We are committed to ensuring fair treatment throughout the recruitment process. We will make adjustments to enable

applicants to compete to the best of their ability wherever it is reasonable to do so and, if successful, to assist them during their employment.

Information for disabled applicants is available at <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/staff/disabled/>

We encourage you to declare any disability that you may have, and any reasonable adjustments that you may require, in the section provided for this purpose in the application form. This will enable us to accommodate your needs throughout the process as required. However, applicants and employees may declare a disability at any time.

If you prefer to discuss any special arrangements connected with a disability, please contact, the Department Administrator, who is responsible for recruitment to this position.

The University

The University of Cambridge is consistently ranked one of the best universities in the world, achieving academic excellence through its Faculties, Departments and other Institutions, together with the 31 Colleges.

The University is renowned for its record of discovery and innovation. It is one of the great institutions, with a regional, national and global reach, attracting the very best and brightest minds. Our staff and students shape the world around us for the better: we attract and partner with like-minded people.

Whether contributing to the development of new anti-cancer drugs, adding to the understanding of how black holes are formed, revolutionising the study of ancient settlements, convening academic expertise to offer solutions to the climate crisis, or analysing public attitudes towards democracy around the world, the University's research is remarkable in its breadth, quality and impact. The University also sits at the heart of Europe's largest technology cluster and has catalysed more than 1,500 high-tech companies. And yet what inspires our 24,000 students and 13,000 staff is not what has already been achieved, but what is possible in the future.

The education and experience of our students, based on a partnership between the University's academic Departments and Faculties and the 31 Colleges, is second to none. Every student is a member of one of the Colleges, each a community of students, academics and staff drawn from across the University's comprehensive range of subject areas.



The University is a self-governing community, with a system for decision-making that provides a high degree of accountability and transparency to its members. Each Department and Faculty is part of one of six academic Schools, but each of them, and each individual academic, has a great deal of autonomy. The Colleges are independent and self-governing, working in a symbiotic relationship with the University.

The University has a number of Institutions that are independent of any Faculty or Department and are not part of the academic Schools. These include the Institute of Continuing Education (which provides high-quality education to adults throughout their lives), the Fitzwilliam Museum, Kettle's Yard (an historic house and gallery that holds important collections of modern art) and the University Library. In addition to their diverse contributions to University and public life, these non-School Institutions are also important centres of teaching and research.

Cambridge University Press & Assessment provides academic publishing, examinations and learning materials worldwide, supporting the dissemination of research, academic development at school and in higher education, and international student mobility. Legally, the Press & Assessment is a department of the University. It provides very important funds to invest in the academic purposes of the University.

The University has made truly remarkable contributions to the sum of human understanding, with breakthrough ideas and discoveries that have changed the way we understand ourselves, our planet, and the universe around us. Yet the global and national contexts in which it operates are fast-changing and increasingly filled with uncertainty. In a world that is becoming - politically, economically, socially, and technologically – ever more interconnected but even less equal, the University's mission – “to contribute to society through the pursuit of education, learning and research at the highest international levels of excellence” – has never been more relevant.



About Us

The University is one of the world's leading academic centres. It comprises 150 faculties and departments, together with a central administration and other institutions. Our institutions, museums and collections are a world-class resource for researchers, students and members of the public representing one of the country's highest concentrations of internationally important collections.

The University has an annual income of £2 billion. Research income, won competitively from the UK Research Councils, the European Union (EU), major charities and industry, exceeds £500 million per annum and continues to grow.

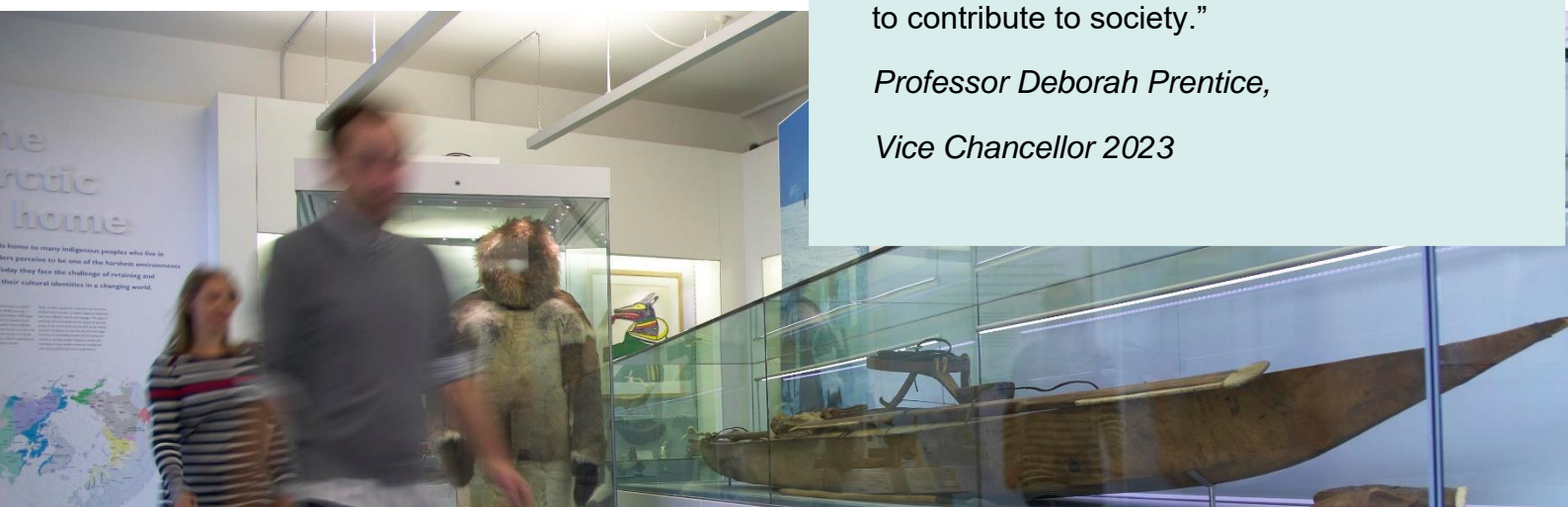
The Colleges and the University remain committed to admitting the best students regardless of their background and to investing considerable resources both in widening access and financial support. The 31 Colleges are self-governing, separate legal entities which appoint their own staff. Many academic staff are invited to join a College as a Teaching Fellow, which provides a further social and intellectual dimension. The Colleges admit undergraduate students, provide student accommodation and pastoral support and deliver small group teaching for undergraduates.

The University awards degrees and its faculties and departments provide lectures and seminars for students and determine the syllabi for teaching.

Our instinct for seeking out excellence and setting up enduring and mutually beneficial collaborations has led us to establish strategic partnerships across the globe. Whether it is the successful Cambridge-Africa Programme involving universities in Ghana, Uganda and elsewhere on the African continent; or the close association with the government of India to pursue new research in crop science; or the creation, with Germany's Max Planck Institutes, of a Cambridge-based centre for the study of ethics, human economy and social change – international partnerships are now an inextricable part of the University's make-up.

“Through its outstanding education, research and innovation, the University of Cambridge has made – and continues to make – a lasting contribution to human knowledge and is flourishing. By working at the University of Cambridge, you will be joining a vibrant community of students, scholars and professional services staff committed to supporting and enhancing the University's mission to contribute to society.”

*Professor Deborah Prentice,
Vice Chancellor 2023*



Working at the University

Working at Cambridge you will join a diverse, talented and innovative community, with more than 24,000 students and over 13,000 staff from all walks of life and corners of the world.

The University continually explores strategies to attract and retain the best people. It is committed to supporting its staff to achieve their best. We are a fair, diverse and inclusive society and we believe our staff are our greatest asset. There is strong commitment to developing institutional leadership and supporting and encouraging staff development at all levels.

The University offers a variety of roles including academic, research, professional, managerial and support roles. We also offer extensive benefits and excellent learning opportunities within a stimulating working environment.

The University's estate is undergoing the most significant transformation in its history. Cambridge has been able to create a science and technology campus to the west of the city centre, and is expanding further to the north west of Cambridge including investing in affordable homes for University key workers and community facilities. Even with their continued development, the University remains within walking or cycling distance across the campus. The University is a major partner on the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and continues to redevelop its historic city centre sites demonstrating a clear determination to ensure that we can offer the best facilities and opportunities for our staff and students.



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The University has built its excellence on the diversity of its staff and student community. We aim to be a leader in fostering equality and inclusion, and in promoting respect and a sense of belonging for all. We encourage applications from all sections of society. All appointments are made on the basis of merit. We have an Equal Opportunities Policy, along with a range of diversity groups, including the Women's Staff Network, Race Equality Network and LGBT+ Staff Network. More details are available here:

<http://www.equality.admin.cam.ac.uk/>

The University has a bronze Race Equality Charter award, with a framework for improving the representation, progression and success of minority ethnic staff and students within higher education. Furthermore, the University's silver Athena swan award recognises and celebrates good practice in recruiting, retaining and promoting gender equality.

Living in Cambridge

Cambridge is rich in cultural diversity. From beautiful University and College buildings, museums and art galleries, quaint gardens and punts on the River Cam, to a vibrant restaurant and café scene, our employees are surrounded by the wonderful features of this unique city.

You can find a wide-range of high street shops and 3 shopping centres, with independent alternatives at the historic market and nestled within the passageways in the city centre. You will find a cinema, bowling alley, a nightclub and various live performances at the Cambridge Leisure Park, with further entertainment options at the Corn Exchange, Arts Theatre and the ADC Theatre. Further information can be found on the Visit Cambridge website.

If you prefer the faster pace of life, London is a 45-minute train journey away. For those travelling from overseas, Stansted Airport is just 45 minutes away and Heathrow Airport under 2 hours away. The University is a short distance from a host of other attractions such as Ely Cathedral, Newmarket Races and various wildlife parks and stately homes. Cambridge is also within easy reach of the beautiful Broads and coastlines of Norfolk and Suffolk.

Relocation Support

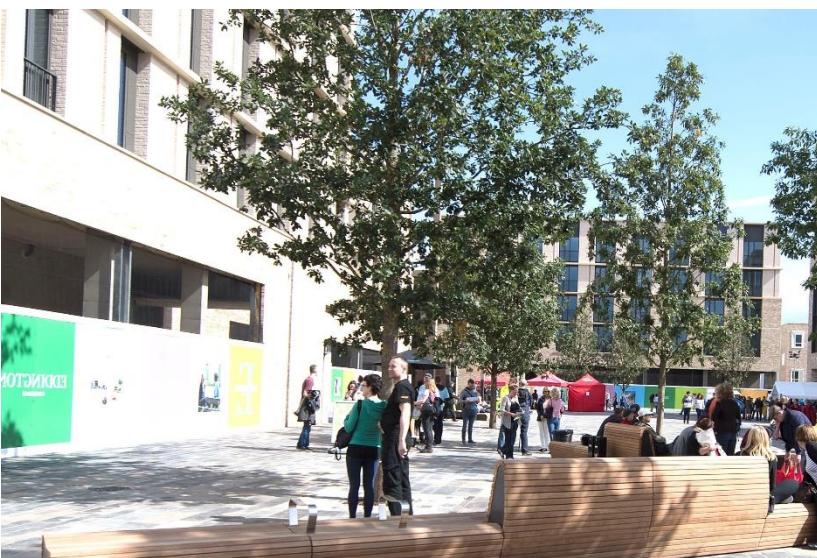
The University recognises the importance of helping individuals to move and settle into a new area. We provide support and guidance to those relocating internationally or domestically to take up a post at the University of Cambridge, liaising with other University offices and selected partners to ensure comprehensive relocation support is available. This includes: accommodation, childcare, schools, banking, immigration and transport. If you would like further information, please visit

<https://www.accommodation.cam.ac.uk/RelocationService/>. The Shared Equity Scheme and the Reimbursement of Relocation Expenses Scheme provide financial assistance to qualifying new members of

Accommodation Service

The University Accommodation Service helps staff, students and visiting scholars who are affiliated to the University in their search for suitable accommodation in Cambridge. The dedicated accommodation team can provide access to a wide range of University-owned furnished and unfurnished properties, and has a database of private sector accommodation available for short and long-term lets. For further information and to register with this free service please visit:

<https://www.accommodation.cam.ac.uk/>



What Cambridge can offer

We offer a comprehensive reward package to attract, motivate and retain high performing staff at all levels and in all areas of work.

The University offers a wide range of competitive benefits, from family leave entitlement, to shopping and travel discount schemes. Our generous annual leave package contributes to the positive wellbeing of our University employees. Sabbatical leave enables academics to focus on research and scholarship, whilst still maintaining their full salary. The University also has a [career break scheme](#) for academic and academic-related staff, with additional flexible working policies for all other staff.

Pay and benefits

The University salary structure includes automatic service-related pay progression in many of its grades and an annual cost of living increase. In addition to this, employees are rewarded for outstanding contribution through a number of regular pay progression schemes. The University offers attractive pensions schemes for employees, with an additional benefit of a salary exchange arrangement providing tax and national insurance savings.



CAMbens employee benefits

The University offers employees a wide range of competitive benefits, known as CAMbens. CAMbens offers something for everyone across a range of categories, including:

- Financial Benefits, including shopping discounts (both local and national) and a Payroll Giving scheme;
- Relocation and Accommodation Benefits, including relocation assistance and interest-free Rental Deposit Loans;
- Travel Benefits, including Cycle to Work, discounts on train season tickets and interest-free Travel to Work loans;
- Family Friendly and Lifestyle Benefits, including support with childcare and family friendly policies;
- Health and Wellbeing Benefits, including a University Staff Counselling Service, discounts at the University Sports Centre, and other local gyms, and healthcare schemes.



What Cambridge can offer

Family-friendly policies

The University recognises the importance of supporting its staff. We have a range of family-friendly policies to aid employees' work-life balance including a generous maternity, adoption and shared parental leave entitlement of 26 weeks' full pay, and paid emergency leave for parents and carers.

Other family-friendly support includes:

Our highly regarded workplace nurseries, a childcare salary exchange scheme and a high-quality holiday Playscheme are available to help support University employees with caring responsibilities (subject to demand and qualifying criteria). Further childcare information can be found here:

<https://www.childcare.admin.cam.ac.uk/>

The Newcomers and Visiting Scholars Group (<https://www.nvs.admin.cam.ac.uk/>) is an organisation within the University that welcomes the partners and families of visiting scholars and new members of the University. Run by volunteers, the group offers opportunities to visit interesting Cambridge venues, learn about the community, take part in social events and gain local knowledge while developing a strong support network of both residents and other newcomers.

Your wellbeing

The University's Sport Centre, Counselling Services and Occupational Health are just some of the support services available to University employees to promote their physical and mental wellbeing. The University delivers The Festival of Wellbeing annually, which is a programme of stimulating talks and activities, which aim to promote wellbeing and good mental and physical health. The University also hosts the [Cambridge Festival](#), which is a great opportunity to get your first taste of public engagement, through volunteering, supporting hands-on activities or proposing a talk.

Development opportunities

We support new employees to settle in through various activities as well as supporting their professional and career development on an ongoing basis. Our Personal and Professional Development (PPD) team provide development opportunities for all University employees, including face-to-face sessions, online learning modules and webinars. All employees also have unlimited access to LinkedIn Learning to support their development. Both new and existing employees can undertake funded Apprenticeships, which lead to a range of vocational and professional qualifications. We offer reduced staff fees for University of Cambridge graduate courses and the opportunity to attend lectures and seminars held by University departments and institutions. A range of University training providers also offer specialist learning and development in their own areas e.g. teaching and learning, digital literacy, finance, health and wellbeing, safety.



How to apply

Applications should be submitted online via the University of Cambridge jobs page www.jobs.cam.ac.uk by clicking “Apply online” in the job advert. You will need an email address to register for our online system.

Conversations about flexible working are encouraged at the University of Cambridge. Please feel free to discuss flexibility prior to applying (using the contact information below) or at interview if your application is successful.

Informal enquiries about the role should be directed to: Robert Foster-Jones, Programme Administrator: Mastercard Foundation Collaborative, email: rjf58@cam.ac.uk

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact: Karin Kuchta, HR Coordinator, email: csihr@admin.cam.ac.uk

The closing date for applications is: Sunday 22 June 2025

The interview date for the role is: w/c Monday 7 July 2025

