SHAPE OUR SUCCESS

JOIN OUR REMARKABLE COMMUNITY
Thank you for your interest in joining the Department of Economics at the University of Southampton.

The Department of Economics is renowned for its world-leading research and educational excellence that tackle both national and global challenges, inform policy making, and have a significant impact on societies. As part of the University strategy, we are advancing our aspiration to be a larger, top-performing hub of academic excellence through a significant expansion that will enhance our thriving culture of research, education, and knowledge exchange. To achieve this goal, we are seeking to recruit up to 10 new colleagues across all academic levels: Lecturer, Associate Professor, and Professor, who will contribute to our growing academic community and further enrich our department’s capabilities.

These roles are crucial to advancing our University Strategy. The importance of research-intensive universities like Southampton in tackling some of the world’s most pressing challenges has never been greater. At the University of Southampton, our goal is to make a positive global impact. By merging research, creativity, and knowledge, we aim to foster a collaborative and groundbreaking environment.

We care about the challenges that humanity is facing and work to support others on both a local and global scale. Joining our department means contributing to meaningful change for future generations.

Since launching our Strategy in January 2021, we have made significant progress towards our goals. We have initiated major investment projects to enhance our campuses, increased support for students and staff, and are striving for greater recognition of our community’s successes.

Currently ranked 80th globally*, we have bold ambitions to advance this position and as members of Economics, you will be key to achieving this. We are already known as a founding member of both the UK’s prestigious Russell Group of leading research-intensive universities and the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN). With campus operations in Malaysia, as well as major partnerships across the world, we have a global outlook that attracts the most talented staff and students from around the world.

This is an exceptional opportunity to join a collegial, diverse, and rapidly expanding department that prioritizes your professional development. We invite you to be part of our journey and help us achieve our ambitious vision.

*QS World University Rankings, 2025
Economics at the University of Southampton is undergoing a strategic expansion with the aim to cement our world-class reputation for excellence across research and education, that delivers solutions to global, national, and local challenges, supported by a diverse ecosystem of consultancy and enterprise, social impact, and policy engagement.

The Department of Economics at the University of Southampton is one of the oldest economics departments in the UK with a sustained and proven track record of cutting-edge research, spanning the entire scope of modern Economics.

Our key strategic objectives are to produce innovative research that furthers and deepens our understanding of economic behaviour and societal problems, informs, and influences economic and social policy, explores interdisciplinary approaches to big questions, whilst at the same time maintaining global recognition within our own discipline.

Underpinning these objectives is a research environment guided by the principles of academic rigour, relevance and originality, collaboration, inclusiveness, knowledge sharing, and by the overarching goal of delivering societal impact. Bidding for research income is an essential component of our research strategy. In recent years, the Department has been supported by Public Policy Southampton which enables Economics members to embed impact throughout their work. We regularly obtain ESRC Impact Acceleration Funding to maximise the impact potential of our research.

Our world-class quality research informs our rigorous undergraduate and postgraduate programmes with a strong emphasis on quantitative skills and applications which are the core of our education mission. Within 15 months of graduation, 97.8% of our graduates are either in high-skilled employment, self-employed or engaged in further study. Additionally, 93.2% of employed graduates report being in professional-level positions and according to the most recent National Student Survey, over 80% of our Economics students rate the quality of our teaching highly. Our teaching load is competitive with other Universities, and new early-career members of the department of Economics have a reduced load for the first three years to acquire a Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice and become a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. We teach a range of modules across all subfields of Economics and encourage staff to develop specialist modules in their fields of interest.

Knowledge exchange and enterprise is a key part of our strategy, enabling staff and students to gain skills and experience, celebrate our successes, and develop relationships with external partners and stakeholders. Our work is supported by Public Policy Southampton which enables Economics members to embed impact throughout their work. We regularly obtain ESRC Impact Acceleration Funding to maximise the impact potential of our research.

We are particularly interested in recruiting candidates who complement existing areas of research strength or who will contribute to the building of new clusters of excellence in areas of national and global importance. All candidates will share our aspirations to foster and maintain a collegiate, supportive, and inclusive culture of research and education.

Candidates will share our commitment to conducting cutting-edge research, actively contributing to our academic community, and upholding our values of fostering a supportive and inclusive research and educational environment.

You will have a growing or established reputation in the field of Economics, demonstrated by publications in leading academic journals and research with significant academic and societal impact. Candidates for the Professor position should demonstrate leadership and a strong reputation in their sub-field. You will demonstrate evidence of research grant writing and/or the ability to develop a plan for seeking funding. You will engage in knowledge exchange that translates your research into practice via policy, civil society, media, or other forms of external engagement.

Newly appointed colleagues will also contribute to the department's educational mission by designing, delivering and engaging in innovative, research-led teaching.

How to apply
For a conversation in confidence or details of how to apply, please contact Professor Carmine Ornaghi, Head of Department, Economics c.ornaghi@soton.ac.uk

The closing date for receipt of applications is midnight (GMT) on Friday 13th September 2024.

Interviews are currently expected to take place in November.

The School of Economic, Social and Political Sciences is committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion and renewed its Athena Swan Bronze award in February 2024, demonstrating this commitment. We strongly encourage applications from candidates from diverse backgrounds (Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic communities, people who identify as LGBTQ+, people with disabilities, and those from less educationally advantaged backgrounds). As part of our commitment to supporting our research community, we are open to flexible working. We consider applicants wishing to work flexibly, including part-time and those who have taken a career break. The University of Southampton is also proud to have recently been awarded the Race Equality Charter Bronze award, commended for our commitment to improving race equality across the University community.
Our research at the Department of Economics plays a crucial role in shaping national and international policies, influencing key decisions that impact societies worldwide.

Our research has produced a new way to inform international student migration policy and has informed and shaped merger enforcement policies of the European Commission. Some colleagues in Economics are part of the Centre for Population Change (CPC) at the University of Southampton, which was awarded the 2020 ESRC Celebrating Impact Prize for Outstanding Public Policy Impact.

**International Students’ Migration Policy**

Southampton experts developed a new survey to investigate whether international students would stay in the UK. The evidence prompted changes in official statistics and informed policymaking.

The Office for National Statistics was concerned that it might be overstimating the number of international students overstaying their visas. So, its statisticians approached professors Jackie Wahba, Jane Falkingham and Corrado Giulietti at the Centre for Population Change, a multi-disciplinary research centre that works to inform policymaking. The team took on the task of conducting a survey of a representative sample of all graduating international students and found that about 9 out of 10 students who had expressed the intention to leave the UK straight after graduating did leave. The team had confidence in the figures as they chime with evidence from the Home Office’s checks on those leaving the country. This ‘exit check’ data showed that only 4,600 international students overstayed their visa that year. This was a small fraction of the 100,000 figure the Government had previously suggested were overstaying.

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**Mergers and Innovation in the Pharmaceutical Industry**

Professor Carmine Ornaghi led research into the potential detrimental effects of mergers and acquisitions (M&As) on research and development expenditure and innovation output in the pharmaceutical industry. Prof Ornaghi’s research challenges the widely held claim that M&As can unlock knowledge synergies in research and development. The research team took on the task of conducting a survey of a representative sample of all graduating international students and found that about 9 out of 10 students who had expressed the intention to leave the UK straight after graduating did leave. The team had confidence in the figures as they chime with evidence from the Home Office’s checks on those leaving the country. This ‘exit check’ data showed that only 4,600 international students overstayed their visa that year. This was a small fraction of the 100,000 figure the Government had previously suggested were overstaying.

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**Competitive and Collaborative Research**

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**Together we advance**

Together we can make a real impact on the future.

Our University community is committed to the highest quality in everything we do. We have a global reputation for our passion and ability to work collaboratively in delivering world-class education, research and innovation that make a real impact on society’s biggest challenges.

To meet those challenges head-on, we must have a team that is reflective of society and our students. We strive for greater inclusivity in our community. Diversity is a strength and makes us more creative, accelerating our impact on society. We celebrate an equal and respectful environment in which people from all walks of life and backgrounds are welcome to join us.

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As a forward-thinking institution, we will strengthen our reputation, increasing our national and international rankings to secure a position in the top 20 in the UK and strengthening our position in the top 100 internationally.

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Pascal Matthias
Associate Vice-President, ED&I and Social Justice

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
It matters to us in all that we do.

At the University of Southampton, we believe that we can only truly play our part in supporting society if we are reflective of society. We are therefore passionate about creating a working environment in which every colleague is able to excel, regardless of their background or their life choices. Quite simply, we want to attract like-minded people to our team – people who care about the world, and who share our passion for creating an innovative and forward-thinking learning and research environment.

We also support flexible working and are proud of our open and supportive working environment; with options such as job shares available, we ensure opportunities are equal and focused on the needs of our colleagues. We know that change and improvement is a continual process, and our community is a big part of this, so we always want to hear from our staff about how we can create the best possible working experience.

As part of the School of Economic, Social and Political Sciences, the Department of Economics, integrates equality, diversity, and inclusion into all decisions and activities. Our commitment is further recognised through the School’s Bronze Athena Swan award, which was renewed in February 2024.

In our pursuit of championing gender equality, various initiatives have been implemented to support the career development of our staff through mentoring, annual appraisal processes, and promotions workshops. Numerous student outreach events have been organised in schools and on campus to encourage better gender balance, particularly in disciplines traditionally dominated by males.

An information campaign titled “Respect” has been launched for staff and students to raise awareness of our code of ethics, featuring prominently displayed posters across the School and presentations in staff and student induction meetings. The workshops addressing significant gender gaps have been conducted, covering promotions, appraisal, and flexible working.

Our recruitment process ensures gender balance in shortlisting and interview panels, with critical engagement from an independent super-recruiter during these phases to foster inclusive recruitment practices and challenge unconscious bias. Pay offers are scrutinised with consideration for existing pay structures and gender pay gaps.

While numerous positive changes have been implemented, challenges lie ahead. The School has established an ambitious Athena Swan agenda focused on key processes, such as reducing gender disparities in staff career progression and increasing awareness of the gendered challenges faced by our students in admissions, progression, and achievement.

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The below provides an overview of permanent staff members and their areas of research and teaching.

Dr. Nicolas Apfel is an economist interested in applying and developing machine learning methods to address problems of causal inference in labour and trade economics. His research has been published in the Journal of Economic Literature, the Journal of Financial Markets, and the Journal of Applied Economics. He is also one of the main organisers of the Southampton Workshop on Causal Machine Learning in summer 2024. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-nicolas-apfel

Dr. Jayeeta Bhattacharya's research focuses on the interactions of actors in consumer and labour market settings. Her recent work is on the role of trust in online communities, where she has developed a model of trust formation and the design of trust in online communities. She has also contributed to interdisciplinary research in the areas of trust and reputation, and has engaged in research on the role of trust in online communities. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-jayeeta-bhattacharya

Dr. Hector Calvo-Pardo is an economist specializing in macroeconomics and finance. He has a particular interest in the application of machine learning methods to economic forecasting. His research has been published in Journals of Economic Theory, the Journal of International Economics, and the Journal of Political Economy. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-hector-calvo-pardo

Daniel Cernin's research focuses on the role of trust in social and economic interactions, with a specific focus on the impact of social interactions on economic outcomes. His research has been published in the Journal of Economic Theory, the Journal of Finance, and the Journal of Financial Economics. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-daniel-cernin

Dr. Joao V. Ferreira's research interests are in the fields of the Financial System (including the role of financial intermediaries), the role of financial markets in economic growth, and the role of financial regulation. His research has been published in the Journal of Financial Economics, the Journal of Banking and Finance, and the Journal of International Economics. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-joao-v-ferreira

Dr. Alessandra Foresta is an applied economist specializing in crime, political economy, and gender economics. Her recent research focuses on the economics of criminal justice systems and policing, with particular emphasis on the role of collective action and the distribution of benefits and costs. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-alessandra-foresta

Dr. Chiara Forlati is a macroeconomist with a strong interest in the interaction of macroeconomics, international trade and environmental economics. Her research focuses on topics such as the optimization of border adjustment mechanisms and the design and the border adjustment mechanisms. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-chiara-forlati

Dr. Thomas Gall's primary research interest lies in the field of investment, economy, and markets. His research has been published in the Journal of International Economics, the Journal of Economic Theory, and the Journal of Financial Economics. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-thomas-gall

Professor Grant Hillier's research primarily focuses on economic theory, particularly on the role of institutions in economic decision-making and its application in areas such as insurance, finance, and government. His research has been published in journals such as The Journal of Political Economy and The Review of Financial Studies. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-grant-hillier

Dr. Antonella Ianni is a microeconomist and politician whose research interests include political economy and the role of institutions in economic decision-making. Her recent work has been published in journals such as The Journal of Political Economy and The Review of Economic Studies. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-antonella-ianni

Dr. Christian Kellner is a microeconomist who combines insights from economic theory and decision theory to understand the role of social interactions in economic decision-making. His research has been published in journals such as The Journal of Political Economy and The Review of Economic Studies. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-christian-kellner

Dr. Yongwook Kim is a macroeconomist whose research interests include the role of financial institutions in economic decision-making, with a specific focus on the role of financial institutions in economic decision-making. His research has been published in journals such as The Journal of Political Economy and The Review of Economic Studies. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-yongwook-kim

Dr. Max Kwiek specializes in microeconomics and political economy, utilizing both theoretical and experimental methods in his research. He co-organizes the Workshop on Experimental Economics and the Workshop on Experimental Political Economy. His recent work focuses on the role of social interactions in economic decision-making and the role of institutions in economic decision-making. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-max-kwiek

Dr. Qian Li's research interests include macroeconomics, public finance and computational economics, with a focus on optimal taxation, inequality, human capital and fertility. Her work involves building large-scale quantitative macroeconomic models that incorporate multi-dimensional heterogeneity. Her research has been published in the Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-qian-li

Dr. Emanuelou Letti's research interests include econometrics, macroeconomics, migration, and development. She has held various leadership roles within and outside the University. She is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and collaborates with the Royal Economic Society and the Economics Network on economics education initiatives. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-emanuelou-letti

Dr. Mingjie Ma is an economist and political scientist whose research interests encompass economic theory, political economy, and social sciences. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-mingjie-ma

Professor Tassos Magdalinos is an economist and academic with expertise in timeseries and financial econometrics. His research focuses on robust inference in systems and applications of predictive regression, as well as exploring the boundaries between stationary and non-stationary processes. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-tassos-magdalinos

Dr. Zacharias Maniadis specializes in applied microeconomics and the behavioural economics, with a focus on political economy and the impact of social interactions in economic decision-making. His recent work has been published in journals such as The Journal of Political Economy and The Review of Economic Studies. His research focuses on the role of social interactions in economic decision-making and the role of institutions in economic decision-making. https://www.southampton.ac.uk/people/62bprf/director-zacharias-maniadis
Professor Carmine Orrighi is an applied economist with research interests in the field of empirical industrial organization and competition policy, with application to the pharmaceutical industry and, more recently, the water sector. He is working on a research project investigating market power in both product and labour market. He has worked as academic advisor for DG-Comp and DG Research & Innovation of the European Commission in two related projects on the impact of enforcement of competition policy on innovation. He serves as an Associate Editor for the European Economic Review and the Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade.

Dr. Stefania Paredes Fuentes is an economist with research interests in decision making, behavior, and risk. She focuses on the areas of microeconomics, statistics, information economics, market design, and welfare economics. She is currently serving as the Doctoral Program Director of the Department of Economics.

Dr. Jian Tong is an applied economist specializing in experimental economics, primarily on preference elicitation of risk and time preferences. She has a special interest in the application of experimental methods to the areas of education and environment. She is a member of the steering committee of the Centre for Behavioural Experimental Research (C-BEAR) and active in international experimental networks such as the Economic Education Network for Experiments (EEN) and the Institute for Experimental Economics. She is also working on replication projects, including a meta-study on replication by The Reproducibility in Economic Research project, and on theいったののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののののな
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This includes expanding our City Centre campus, creating a new home for the Southampton Business School and constructing the North-East Quadrant building seen here.

80th in the world

92% of our research has been classed as world leading or internationally excellent

Engaged in research with over 700 overseas partners

Received £122.5m in research grants and contracts income in 2022/23

A founding member of the Russell Group of 24 major research-intensive universities in the UK

24,500 students; including more than 9,000 international students

Founding member of the Worldwide Universities Network

We have over 285,000 alumni community spans over 185 countries

We employ over 6,500 staff

Our income was £730m in the 2022/23 financial year

Very strong performance in the first KEF exercise

The University creates and underpins employment in other organisations, amounting to over 16,000 jobs across the UK

£4.14bn of economic impact across the UK in 2020/21

We attract high-quality students from over 130 countries

Our 285,000 alumni community spans over 185 countries

1. QS World University Rankings, 2025
3. Research Excellence Framework, 2021
4. The Complete University Guide, 2024
5. Performing at or above the cluster average across every perspective
6. The economic and societal impact of the University of Southampton, Centre for Economics, 2022

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OUR VALUES

Our values provide the lens through which we make decisions, guiding our actions, collective behaviours and systems.

They are integral to our purpose of building an inclusive community that makes positive change.

We are ambitious, both personally and institutionally, which requires us to be collaborative and collegial.

As a community of talented individuals, our systems need to enable and empower us. Our community upholds academic freedom and develops through constructive, civil debate.

Ensuring different views are heard allows us to make the best decisions.

Our values in action

Our annual Vice-Chancellor’s Awards recognise and celebrate the exceptional contributions made by our staff during the academic year.

People are at the core of our Triple Helix

Our highly-ranked education, research and knowledge exchange and enterprise (KEE) are already distinctively intertwined.

By strengthening and increasing these links, our Triple Helix approach will achieve greater impact and accelerate new ways to tackle the world’s most complex problems.

This scaling up is a challenging goal we commit to achieve; its reach and ambition sets us apart.
Our Campuses

We have six campuses in Southampton, one in Winchester and one in Malaysia. Each has its own personality, world-leading facilities and specialisms.

Highfield Campus
Our main campus, Highfield, is the largest of our campuses, and the heart of the University. It is home to many of our state-of-the-art research and teaching facilities, and combines a lively and exciting atmosphere with calm, green surroundings.

With cafes, shops, concert halls, gyms and even a student cinema alongside academic facilities, Highfield is a hub of activity.

This is also where we are planning significant improvements to our student sports facilities, including a major expansion of the popular Jubilee Sports Centre.

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust (UHS)
UHS is the main site for the study of medicine and healthcare. It hosts a purpose-built research hub, and is also home to the University’s dedicated Centre for Cancer Immunology – the first of its kind in the UK. This site will soon see the development of a new medical health research building.

Boldrewood Innovation Campus
Boldrewood is the base for engineering studies and research. Facilities include laboratories for studying unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), fluid dynamics and high-performance sports, avionics simulators, flight simulators, design studios, a 138m towing tank and our £48m National Infrastructure Laboratory (NIL). The NIL houses five new engineering laboratories, including a 30m x 30m large structures testing laboratory and a cutting-edge geotechnical centrifuge.

National Oceanography Centre Southampton (NOCS)
Our unique waterfront campus, based at NOCS, is one of the world’s leading research centres for the study of ocean and Earth science, with facilities including the Coral Reef Laboratory, a multi-user research aquarium, our 19.75m purpose-built catamaran and the National Oceanographic Library.

Avenue Campus
Just a few minutes’ walk from Highfield, and on the edge of Southampton Common, Avenue Campus is the base for our humanities subjects. Avenue has its own lecture theatres and catering facilities, plus a purpose-built £3m archaeology building and a new interactive digital humanities hub.

Southampton city centre
In the heart of the Cultural Quarter in the city centre, our Sir James Matthews Building offers updated teaching and learning spaces alongside facilities for meeting local and regional civic partners. The building also includes a studententerprise zone and an artisan cafe.

A short walk across Guildhall Square from the Sir James Matthews Building is the University’s John Hansard Gallery, one of the UK’s leading contemporary art galleries, which plays a dynamic role in the cultural life of Southampton and the region.

Winchester School of Art (WSA)
Based in the historic city of Winchester, our specialist arts campus is home to a vibrant community of over 1,300 art and design students. With creative ambition at its core, WSA offers cutting-edge resources and facilities including specialist computer suites, photography studios, laser cutting, 3D printing and more.

The University is planning to expand its presence in Winchester, with an exciting opportunity from Winchester City Council.

University of Southampton Malaysia
In 2021, we relocated our campus in Malaysia to a brand new estate with state-of-the-art laboratories, upgraded facilities, and improved learning and recreational spaces.
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