Robert Martin Summer Projects Fund for Economics

Purpose: Economics research internships

Eligibility: Undergraduates studying Economics (excluding final-year students)

Annual intake: normally no more than five interns

Deadline: 9 May 2025

Supporting Statement From: DoS

The College has received a gift from alumnus and fellow benefactor, Robert Martin (1984), to support undergraduate students in Economics wishing to participate in a summer research internship at Selwyn College. This will last for approximately 10-12 weeks during the long vacation, will be overseen by Selwyn Economics fellows. The fund is intended to provide focussed research opportunities for students at the end of their first or second year of study. It will primarily aim to support students’ learning and enhance their career prospects. The programme will consist of research and training components.

The research component will consist of supervised work contextualized within a wider research project guided by one of the Economics fellows of the College. This will involve some research assistance including, but not limited to, literature review, data collection and processing, empirical analysis, and theoretical modeling. Typical workload will be around 10-15 hours per week, for a total of up to 150 hours for the duration of the internship. The Fellows will identify the tasks and the desired research outcomes. Meetings with the Fellows will occur weekly or fortnightly, depending on pre-agreed arrangements.

The Training Component will cover data processing and data analysis and consist of a combination of pre-recorded online lectures, short case studies and applied problems with fortnightly discussions. This component of the Internship will require no more than 5 hours of work per week. Meetings will be organized for the entire group of Research Interns and will be conducted online every 2 weeks.

[To apply, please submit the application form](http://www.sel.cam.ac.uk/grant-application/). It may not be necessary to compete all elements for the form, but please give as much detail as possible. You should include a statement of why you hope the project will be beneficial to your wider studies and future career. You should also provide details of any paid activities planned for the long vacation. Normally no more than five students per year will be admitted made awards. Academic and widening participation selection criteria will be considered. Successful applicants will receive an award of up to £2k. Upon completion of the project, summer interns will be required to submit a report about their experiences and research outcomes and deliver a short presentation to an audience that may include students, college fellows and the donor.

The deadline for applications is 9 May 2025. Please ensure that your application is submitted by then. If funds remain unspent, there will be a second round in the Easter Term. Decisions on funding will be taken by the Senior Tutor and the Director of Studies in Economics, in consultation with other Economics Fellows.

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