



Job Description and Selection Criteria

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| Job title | Academic Admissions Assessor |
| Division | Social Sciences |
| Department | Blavatnik School of Government |
| Location | Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6GG |
| Grade and salary | Grade 8.2: £21.94 per hour |
| Hours | Variable |
| Contract type | Casual, fixed-term |
| Reporting to | Tutor for Admissions |
| Closing date | 12:00 noon (UK time) on Wednesday, 30 September 2020 |

The Blavatnik School of Government

The Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford was established in 2010 with the aim of helping to build a world that is 'better led, better served and better governed'. We believe in effective and rigorously tested public policy delivered by leaders of integrity, and strive to achieve this through our teaching, research and global engagement.

The Blavatnik School offers a one-year taught Master of Public Policy (MPP) and we are seeking external assessors to work alongside our faculty on admissions.

We are a uniquely international and diverse institution as exemplified in our MPP cohort – last year's class comprised 124 students from 50 countries and territories, covering a wide age range, came from many different sectors, and had diverse levels of experience. We offer an exciting, challenging and globally focused Oxford learning experience to outstanding graduate students who are committed to a career in public policy. We believe strongly that all countries have lessons to learn from one another, and that building strong links between future policy practitioners and leaders from different cultures, nations and sectors is to everyone's benefit. Who we admit as students to the School is critical to this realising this. We receive many hundreds of applications for our MPP each year and are looking for assessors to help us decide who to offer places to on our competitive and highly sought after programme.



For more information about the Blavatnik School of Government see www.bsg.ox.ac.uk

Overview of the post

Reporting to the Tutor for Admissions, the post holder will assess application files for our Master of Public Policy (MPP) programme. Applications are assessed holistically and contextually according to three key selection criteria: a) academic excellence, b) commitment to public service, and c) evidence of leadership and impact. At least two people will assess each file, with collated comments and scored reviewed by the Tutor for Admissions and/or the Senior Admissions Advisor.

Each academic admissions assessor will be expected to complete up to 200 hours of assessment, depending on the number of applications received and reviewers available. Training will take place from November 2020 with assessment happening from then until March 2021. Peak workloads are expected between 10 January and 1 March 2021.

Responsibilities/duties

- Complete in-house training on the MPP admissions process and selection criteria.
- Assess MPP application files according to provided criteria and guidance. Such assessment can be carried out at any location.
- Provide advice to other reviewers in areas and/or regions of expertise.
- Assist in refining the MPP assessment process.

Selection Criteria

Essential

- An undergraduate degree.
- A post-graduate degree and/or significant applicable professional experience.
- Experience of academic teaching, marking and/or admissions in a University, or comparable context.
- Extensive availability during the peak admissions period of 10 January 2021 to 1 March 2021.



- Ability to independently manage time and workload to complete assessments as agreed with the Tutor for Admissions and/or Senior Admissions Advisor.
- Good team work and interpersonal skills.

Desirable

- A doctorate degree.
- Specialist knowledge of one or more areas relevant to public policy (e.g. philosophy, economics, political science, law, science).
- Specialist knowledge or experience of the education system of one or more regions of the world outside the UK.

How to apply

Please submit your CV and a brief covering letter explaining how you meet the selection criteria (both documents to be saved with your name) to recruit@bsg.ox.ac.uk and admissions@bsg.ox.ac.uk.