

Professor Richard Blundell, CBE FBA

University College London, Professor of Economics, 1984-
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University of Manchester, Lecturer in Econometrics, 1975-1984.

London School of Economics, MSc in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, 1975.
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Richard Blundell holds the *David Ricardo Chair of Political Economy* at University College London where he was appointed Professor of Economics in 1984. He was Head of Department 1988 - 1992. He is a graduate of the University of Bristol and London School of Economics. Since 1986 he has been Research Director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, where he is also Director of the ESRC Centre for the Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy. He has held visiting professor positions at UBC, MIT and Berkeley. He was awarded a *Leverhulme Personal Professorship* in 1998. In 2004 he was President of the *European Economics Association*. He was President of the Econometric Society in 2006. He is President Elect of the *Society of Labor Economics*. He is also President elect of the *Royal Economic Society*.

He was awarded the CBE in the 2006 Queens New Year Honours list for his services to Economics and Social Science. In 1995 he was awarded the *Yrjö Jahnsson Prize*, given every two years to the best young economist in Europe (aged under 45), for his work in microeconometrics and the analysis of labour supply, welfare reform and consumer behaviour. In 2000 he was awarded the *Econometric Society Frisch Medal* for the paper 'Estimating Labour Supply Responses using Tax Reforms'. He was also the 4th recipient of the *Jean-Jacques Laffont Prize* 2008 given to an international high level economist whose research combines both the theoretical and applied aspects of economics. He is also one of the editors of the *Mirrlees Review of Tax Reform* which expects to report in Summer 2009, <http://www.ifs.org.uk/mirrleesreview/>

He was elected to the *European Economic Association Council* in 1997 and to the *Council of the Econometric Society* in 1998. He is a *Fellow of the Econometric Society* (1991), *Fellow of the British Academy* (1996), *Honorary Member of the American Economic Association* (2001), *Honorary Member American Academy of Arts and Science* (2002) and *Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries* (2003). He was awarded an *Honorary Doctorate* of the University of St.Gallen, Switzerland in 2003.

He was co-editor of *Econometrica* from 1997-2001 and co-editor of the *Journal of Econometrics* from 1992 to 1997. His published papers have appeared in *Econometrica*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, *Journal of Econometrics*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics* and *Economic Journal*. Richard chaired the Local Organising Committee of the *Econometric Society World Congress 2005* held at University College London and was one of the Scientific Programme Committee Chairs, along with Whitney Newey (MIT) and Torsten Persson (Stockholm).

Lives in North London and is married to Annie Aberdeen, with children Katie (born 1984) and Jack (born 1990).

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