

## **UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, FACULTY OF CLASSICS**

### **Lectureship in Classics (Philosophy)**

#### **Further Particulars**

This post offers the opportunity to join a vibrant and distinguished community of Classicists. Ancient philosophy plays a key role in the Faculty's programme at all levels. Strong (and always developing) international links enrich its graduate programme and all aspects of its research. Applications are invited from those with a primary research interest in ancient philosophy; within the discipline of ancient philosophy the field of appointment is entirely open.

#### **Duties**

The teaching 'stint' will be 40 hours per annum, comprising undergraduate lectures and Masters level seminars. In addition the successful applicant will be expected to take a full part in undergraduate and graduate examining, in the recruitment and supervision of graduate students, and in the administration of the Faculty.

The organization of teaching in Philosophy is placed in the hands of a group traditionally known as the 'B caucus'. The successful applicant will be expected to be an active member of the caucus and to contribute to the development of the subject in the university.

Small-group undergraduate teaching for Colleges ('supervision') is not part of the formal duties of University Teaching Officers (although they are strongly encouraged to take a share in it). It is remunerated separately at an hourly rate.

#### **Research and other support**

The Faculty offers generous support for research, workshops, conferences and travel. The standard University sabbatical leave entitlement is one term in seven (and members of the Faculty have also been successful in gaining externally funded leave). The Faculty provides allowances for research expenses of all kinds. The Faculty's research facilitation funds sponsor many different types of event, and senior members of the Faculty can expect support for special projects. There is regular substantial funding for major international conferences, two per year, which different subject groups ('caucuses') take turns to organize. It is assumed that the successful applicant will enjoy devising and participating in these. Excellent IT facilities are provided, as well as office accommodation for many University Teaching Officers (with priority for those who do not have satisfactory provision in their Colleges).

#### **College Fellowship**

This appointment is one of the first to carry with it a Fellowship at a particular College and is offered in conjunction with a fellowship at Homerton College. An offer of a fellowship at Homerton College will be made to the candidate appointed to this particular Lectureship: details about the College in general are available at [www.hom.cam.ac.uk](http://www.hom.cam.ac.uk) and details about Fellowships can be obtained from the Principal's Secretary, Lizzie Madder, [enm25@cam.ac.uk](mailto:enm25@cam.ac.uk) or on 01223 747132.

## Person specification

We are seeking an individual with a strong academic record and potential to make a significant contribution to the teaching and research of the Faculty.

### *Essential*

- Good first degree and a doctorate in a relevant subject area (or clear evidence that completion of such a doctorate is imminent);
- Evidence of ability to engage in internationally recognized high-level research in philosophy, with publications and participation in scholarly activity commensurate with stage of career;
- Evidence of ability to teach ancient philosophy effectively, and at all relevant levels;
- A high level of proficiency in ancient Greek;
- Ability to play an effective role in the life and work of the Faculty as a whole;
- Ability to work as part of a team.
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### *Desirable*

- Ability to make a significant contribution to the Faculty's interdisciplinary ('X') teaching at both undergraduate and graduate level;
- Experience of teaching at University level;
- Experience of administrative activity in an academic environment;
- Experience of, and/or aptitude for, organizing and participating in collaborative teaching and research;
- Proficiency in Latin.

Applications from scholars in the early stages of their career, women and ethnic minority applicants, all of whom are under-represented in the Faculty, will be welcomed.

## Terms and conditions of employment

The main terms and conditions of employment are as follows:

- The salary range for a University Lecturer is £36,862 per annum, rising by annual increments to £46,696;
- The successful candidate must be in place by 1 September 2012 or as soon as possible thereafter;
- Appointment will be made to the retirement age, subject to completion of a probationary period of 5 years;
- The University operates a procedure for the consideration of University Lecturers for *ad hominem* promotion to University Senior Lecturer, Reader or Professor. University Lecturers are eligible for promotion before the completion of their probationary period.

Further information about working at Cambridge, and about the additional benefits provided, can be found at <http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/jobs/living/>.

The University has a Flexible Working Policy.

## **Classics in Cambridge**

Cambridge is one of the world's leading centres for the study of Classics. The Cambridge Faculty today has an unsurpassed record of achievement in research in all the main areas of classical scholarship - Greek and Latin Language and Literature, Ancient Philosophy, Ancient History, Ancient Art and Archaeology, Classical Linguistics and Philology, and Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Ancient World. It was awarded a 5\* in the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise and emerged from the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise with the strongest research profile of any Classics department in the UK. The Faculty took part in the Subject Review process in February 2001 and achieved an aggregate score of '24', the maximum possible.

Teaching staff in established Faculty or College posts number around 40 together with about 17 post-doctoral Research Fellows, most of whom are also involved in undergraduate teaching. Those working in each subject area are members of an informal 'Caucus'. There are no formally constituted departments, or heads of department, in the Faculty, which is governed by a Faculty Board whose Chair is elected every two years.

The Faculty attracts graduate and undergraduate students of high ability and with strong commitment to the subject. There are over almost 100 registered graduate students, many from overseas. The annual intake of undergraduates reading for the Classical Tripos is currently between 80 and 90. Cambridge is also one of two universities in the UK whose education departments offer the PGCE in Classics.

The Faculty, which falls within the University's School of Arts and Humanities, is housed on Sidgwick Avenue, on a site which now contains most of the other arts faculties. The building contains the Museum of Classical Archaeology, the Faculty Library (an excellent specialized library of c. 50,000 items, to which all University Teaching Officers are given a key for out-of-hours use), a computer room, offices and teaching rooms, and is very close to the University Library (a copyright deposit library).

## **Philosophy in the Faculty of Classics**

The present senior members with principal interests in the field of Philosophy are: Mr Nicholas Denyer, Professor David Sedley, Dr Robert Wardy, and Dr James Warren. In addition, the Faculty benefits from the active presence of several research fellows in Philosophy (currently: Dr David Leith, Dr L Radoilska, and Dr Shaul Tor) and other colleagues in the Faculty of Philosophy and the Department of History and Philosophy of Science. The caucus regularly attracts visiting students and researchers from across the world, particularly to its long running annual 'Mayweek seminar' and to the 'B Club'.

The Faculty of Classics is also responsible for university teaching in topics in ancient philosophy for students reading for the Philosophy Tripos and enjoys close links with that Faculty. A number of University Teaching Officers in Classics have college appointments in Philosophy (Mr Denyer, Dr Wardy and Dr Warren are Directors of Studies in Philosophy for their respective colleges) and supervise for a range of papers in both ancient and modern philosophy.

## **Undergraduate teaching**

Ancient Philosophy is available as an option for all undergraduates in all three or four years of the Classical Tripos. In Part 1A an introduction to ancient philosophy is provided in a survey course and one or two of the year's 'Target Texts' have a philosophical aspect (currently Plato *Crito* and Lucretius 3). In Part IB (the second year for most undergraduates) the subject is taken by nearly half of all undergraduates and covers a wide range of topics, including a compulsory section devoted to a set text (currently Plato *Republic* 473-535).

In Part II, the final year examination, three papers are available which, in the year 2011/12, will be as follows:

- B1 Plato (set text in 2012-13 will be Plato *Phaedo*)
- B2 Aristotle's moral and political thought
- B3 God and anti-god. (The topic for the B3 paper changes every four or five years with different UTOs taking the lead in designing a course that covers a theme across a wide chronological range of ancient philosophy; previous courses include 'Politics and poetics' and 'Pleasure').

As an alternative to a Part II paper, many students offer a dissertation, supervised by one of the teaching staff, and these too may be in ancient philosophy.

The successful applicant will be expected to undertake teaching across a range of Part 1A, Part 1B and Part II courses. Interdisciplinary papers form another key part of the Faculty's teaching for Part II, and teaching staff in ancient philosophy often collaborate in the planning and teaching of these.

## **Graduate teaching and collaborative research activities**

The Faculty offers both a one-year graduate degree (the MPhil. involving three essays -- or equivalent -- and a thesis) in which the emphasis is on research and research training and a Ph.D., for which at least three years' study is required. The successful candidate will be expected to supervise MPhil and PhD students when requested, to play their part in leading and coordinating the regular weekly research seminar, and to make a full contribution to the Faculty's flourishing research culture by research publications and by fostering an atmosphere of intellectual stimulation and endeavour. The Faculty is proud of its record in securing outside grants for project research, in particular from the AHRC and Leverhulme Trust. It is hoped that the successful applicant will take an interest in the current projects within the Faculty and be active in promoting and seeking further outside funding.

A general impression of the teaching programme may be found in the Faculty Handbook, which is available on the Faculty's website ([http://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/current-students/faculty\\_handbook/](http://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/current-students/faculty_handbook/))

## **Appointment procedure**

The Appointments Committee for the post is made up of the following members:

The Vice-Chancellor's Deputy (Chair), Professor Mary Beard (Professor of Classics), Dr James Clackson (Senior Lecturer in Classics), Professor Simon Franklin (Professor of Slavonic Studies, Faculty of Modern & Medieval Languages, Head of School of Arts

and Humanities), Dr Emily Gowers (Senior Lecturer in Classics), Professor Martin Millett (Laurence Professor of Classical Archaeology, Chair of the Faculty Board of Classics), and Professor David Sedley (Laurence Professor of Ancient Philosophy). There will be two assessors from the field of ancient philosophy and one from Homerton College.

It is intended that short-listing for the post will take place in mid-March and presentations and interviews will take place on Friday 27 April 2012. More information concerning the arrangements will be given at a later stage. Informal enquiries concerning the post may be addressed to the Chair of the Faculty Board, Professor Martin Millett, [mjm62@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mjm62@cam.ac.uk).

### **How to apply**

Candidates' applications should include a covering letter, the CHRIS 6 form (available from <http://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/faculty/vacancies/> only Parts 1 and 3 require completion) and a detailed curriculum vitae, including a list of publications. Candidates should indicate in their covering letter which recent publications they may wish the Committee to read, and can include copies of these with their application (only one copy of each publication is required and may be emailed as a pdf to [cb520@cam.ac.uk](mailto:cb520@cam.ac.uk)). Candidates may submit samples of unpublished writings or works in progress.

The names of three referees should be included in the CHRIS 6 form. Please note that it is the responsibility of each candidate to make sure that signed references are sent before the closing date to the same address as the application form or by email to [cb520@cam.ac.uk](mailto:cb520@cam.ac.uk) (electronic signatures are acceptable). **The Faculty will not contact referees for references.**

Candidates should return their applications, in hard copy (10 copies), to The Secretary of the Appointment Committee, Faculty of Classics, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DA. **Email applications will not be accepted.** The closing date is 12 noon, Monday 5 March 2012. Late applications will not be considered.

### **Pre-employment checks**

All applicants are legally required to demonstrate the right to work/permission to work in the UK. Offers of employment will be conditional upon the satisfactory outcome of all required pre-employment checks and whether an outcome is satisfactory will be determined by the University

### **Equal opportunities in employment**

The University of Cambridge is committed to a policy and practice which require that entry into employment with the University and progression in employment be determined only by personal merit and by the application of criteria related to the duties of each particular appointment and the relevant stipend or salary structure. No applicant for an appointment in the University, or member of staff once appointed, will be treated less favourably than another on the grounds of sex (including gender reassignment), marital or parental status, race, ethnic or national origin, colour, disability, sexual orientation, religion or age. If any employee considers that he or she is suffering from unequal treatment on any of these grounds, he or she may make a

complaint, which will be dealt with through the agreed procedure for dealing with grievances.

### **If you have a disability**

The University's recruitment and selection procedures follow best practice and the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act. Fair selection for employment is based on the ability or potential ability of an applicant to carry out the duties of the post, and decisions on appointments are based on the merit and suitability of the candidate. If you have a disability, you are invited to request at the point of application any special arrangements you may require for interview, or any adjustments you may anticipate would be needed in your working arrangements. However, the University recognises that you may prefer to forward this information if and when you are called for interview, and you may do so without prejudice at that stage.

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