College Lectureship in Medieval History (part-time)

Further Particulars

St. Peter’s College invites applications for a one-year, 7-hour College Lectureship in Medieval History for one year from 1 October 2024, to provide teaching during Prof Stephen Baxter’s sabbatical leave.

The position will be particularly suitable for either a doctoral research student nearing the completion of their thesis, or an early career scholar, seeking experience in college teaching and administration.

The College currently admits circa 10 undergraduate students a year to read History and its joint schools. The appointee will work alongside Prof Stephen Tuffnell, Tutorial Fellow in History.

Full information about the College is available on the College website www.spc.ox.ac.uk.

1. Duties

The appointee will be expected to:

1. Plan and provide tutorial teaching for up to an average of seven weighted hours¹ in each week of full term (of eight weeks) in the papers listed below²:

   (i) The History of the British Isles I (300-1100) for PRELIMS;
   (ii) The History of the British Isles II (1000-1330) for PRELIMS;
   (iii) The History of the British Isles I (300-1100) for Finals;
   (iv) The History of the British Isles II (1000-1330) for Finals; and

   It would be advantageous if the appointee could also provide tutorial teaching for the following papers:

   (v) European and World History II (Communities, Connections and Confrontations, 1000-1300) for PRELIMS.

2. Contribute to the teaching of the Disciplines of History paper (a methodological paper with historiographical and comparative elements), which will be co-taught with Prof Tuffnell in seminar groups of about 10 students.

¹ Under the College’s weighting system for Stipendiary Lecturers, teaching hours are worked out on the basis of teaching students in pairs. Any hours spent teaching larger groups are counted as 1.2 hours, while any hours spent with individual students count as 0.8 hours.
² Further information about these papers is accessible at https://canvas.ox.ac.uk/courses/22234.
3. Share organisational responsibility for the teaching of undergraduate students taking degrees in History and its joint schools. This will include:

(i) Start of term meetings with each cohort;
(ii) Tutors and Masters collections (termly progress report meetings with each student);
(iii) The delivery of study skills sessions for first-year undergraduates, sessions to assist and advise second- and third-year students on their final year theses, and revision sessions.

4. Participate in the College’s undergraduate History admissions process including reading UCAS forms, marking written work, marking History Aptitude Tests, and interviewing (during November and December 2024)

A more detailed guide to tutorial responsibilities and other information will be communicated to the successful candidate by the Senior Tutor following appointment.

2. Selection Criteria

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate that:

(i) they are a dedicated and inspiring teacher of Medieval History, with a willingness to contribute to the intellectual culture of History within the College;

(ii) they possess the ability to teach in the subject areas listed above, particularly to undergraduates of high ability in a tutorial system, and to inspire students both individually and in groups;

(iii) they have completed, or are close to completing, a doctorate in History in a field relevant to the teaching range specified for this post, and have a track record of research excellence in a topic relevant to the teaching range specified for this post;

(iv) they have the potential to discharge willingly and competently the full range of academic administrative duties, besides teaching, upon which the effective operation of History as a subject within the College depends;

(v) they have strong communication and interpersonal skills; and

(vi) they are willing to undertake admissions training and other training as necessary.

3. Remuneration and conditions

Term of appointment
The appointment will be for a fixed term of one year starting on 1 October 2024.

Remuneration and other conditions
Remuneration will be pro rata on the Senior Tutors Committee scale for Stipendiary Lecturers. The rate for a 7-hour post is £17,784 to £19,814 pa (£1,482 to £1,651 per month). The appointee will have access to an entertainment allowance of £185 for the period of the appointment.

Pension scheme
The Lecturer will be automatically enrolled in the Universities Superannuation Scheme with effect from the start date of their employment; it is possible subsequently to opt out.
Senior Common Room
The successful candidate will be an associate member of the Senior Common Room and will be entitled to seven free lunches or dinners per week during termtime and two lunches per week during the vacation, provided that the kitchens are open (they are occasionally closed for short periods, normally during the vacation). They will not be a member of the College’s Governing Body.

4. Application procedure

Candidates should send a letter of application, which includes a statement of which papers they are able to teach, together with a CV and the name and contact details of two referees electronically to the Fellows’ Secretary (academic.appointments@spc.ox.ac.uk) by 12noon on Friday 14 June. (There is no application form.) Candidates should ask their referees to write on their behalf to the same email address by the closing date.

Please include the words ‘College Lectureship in Medieval History’ in the subject line of all email correspondence.

It is expected that interviews will take place on Thursday 27 June, with invitations to interview being issued the previous week. General queries about the post can be sent to Prof Stephen Baxter (stephen.baxter@spc.ox.ac.uk).

St Peter’s College is an equal opportunities employer.

The appointment will be subject to the provision of proof of the right to work in the UK.

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