College Lectureship in Physical Geography (part-time)

Further Particulars

St. Peter’s College invites applications for a part-time, fixed-term College Lectureship in Physical Geography (2hrs/week) from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019. The lectureship will cover part of Associate Professor Marc Macias-Fauria’s teaching duties during his tenure of a NERC Independent Research Fellowship. Applicants should have submitted, or be close to submitting, a doctoral dissertation in or related to Physical Geography, with particular emphasis on Geomorphology, Geology, or Climatology.

The College currently admits circa four undergraduates a year to read Geography. The appointee will work alongside Professor Dariusz Wojcik and Dr Marc Macias-Fauria, the College’s Tutorial Fellows in Geography.

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

1. General

The person appointed to the post will work together with the Geography Tutorial Fellows in planning and delivering tutorials related to the BA degree in Geography. She or he will be expected to teach the equivalent of two hours of tutorials and classes for the College each week during the term, worked out on the expectation that students will be taught in groups composed of less than 5 students at any one time. Some of the students taught may be from colleges other than St. Peter’s.

2. Tutorial Responsibilities of the Lecturer

The main responsibilities of the Lecturer will be as follows:

1. To share organisational responsibility for the BA degree in Geography. Details about this course can be found on the School of Geography and the Environment website: http://www.geog.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate/course/

2. To plan and provide tutorial teaching for up to an average of two weighted hours¹ in each week of full term (eight weeks each). The appointee will be expected to teach on fields such as geomorphology, climate and geology within Earth Systems Processes and Geographical Techniques (Prelims) and Earth Systems Dynamics and Environmental Geography (FHS).

3. To ensure that students receive timely feedback on their work during term, both week by week and in

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.)
termly reports, and to set and mark internal examinations (‘Collections’).

4. To participate, at the request of the Geography Fellows, in College admissions procedures including reading UCAS forms, marking written work samples and interviewing (annually in December).

5. To undertake academic administration (e.g. the planning and organisation of students’ subject options; the endorsement of applications made by students for travel grants and other College assistance; the writing of references, the selection of books for the College Library etc.).

6. To undertake pastoral responsibilities for Geography students in consultation with other Geography tutors and in liaison with the College Welfare Team. Attendance is strongly encouraged at College events to which Lecturers are invited.

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

3. Criteria for appointment

To be successful, candidates will need show that they meet the following selection criteria:

(i) To have completed or be about to complete a doctorate in or related to Physical Geography in a topic relevant to the teaching range required of this postholder, with particular emphasis on Geomorphology, Geology or Climatology.

(ii) To have experience in teaching some of the courses listed above.

(iii) To demonstrate the ability to be an effective and inspiring teacher of Geography, particularly to undergraduates of high ability in a tutorial system.

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

(v) To be able to contribute to the work of the team of academic staff in Geography at St Peter’s.

(vi) To be prepared to undertake admissions training if necessary.

4. Remuneration and Conditions

Term of appointment
The period of appointment will be from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

Remuneration and other conditions
Remuneration will be pro rata on the Senior Tutors Committee scale for Stipendiary Lecturers. The rate for a 2-hour post is £4,504 - £5,066 per annum (£375 - £422 per month). Stipendiary Lecturers of the College have access to an Entertainment Allowance at the rate paid to Official Fellows calculated pro rata according to stint. The allowance for this post will be £46 per annum.
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 two free lunches or dinners per week in Full Term and two lunches per week during the vacation, provided 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.

5. Application procedure
Candidates should send a letter of application describing their teaching experience, together with a curriculum vitae and the names and contact details of two referees (one of whom should be the current doctoral supervisor if applicable) electronically to academic.appointments@spc.ox.ac.uk (contact telephone 01865 278857 by 12noon on 7 December. (There is no application form.)

Candidates should ask their referees to write on their behalf to academic.appointments@spc.ox.ac.uk by the closing date.

Please include the words ‘Physical Geography Lectureship’ in the subject line of all email correspondence.

It is expected that shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview on Monday 17 December.

General queries can be sent to Dr Marc Macias-Fauria (marc.maciasfuria@ouce.ox.ac.uk)

St Peter’s 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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