CHRIST’S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

JH PLUMB COLLEGE LECTURESHIP AND FELLOWSHIP IN HISTORY

FURTHER PARTICULARS

Teaching at Cambridge University is provided by the University and also by the Colleges. The majority of College Fellows are holders of University posts, taking on additional College responsibilities for which they usually receive extra remuneration. However, from time to time, Cambridge Colleges make appointments to College Lectureships. When appointed, College Lecturers not only provide core teaching for the College (or sometimes for other Colleges under swap arrangements) but may also be asked to act as Directors of Studies or take on other College offices or duties as appropriate. These Fellows may, if the opportunity arises, also teach for the University on occasional lecture courses, for extra remuneration.

College Lectureships at Christ’s College are intended to provide an opportunity to an individual at the beginning of his or her academic career to develop teaching skills, a publication record and other academic activity with a view to obtaining a University appointment in Cambridge or elsewhere. They are offered for a fixed term of four years, which will not be renewed or extended.

College Teaching
College teaching takes the form of small group teaching (referred to as supervisions) each week, usually in groups of one or two. There are two Terms of eight weeks (Michaelmas and Lent); the third Term (Easter Term) has four weeks of teaching and three weeks set aside for University examinations. The successful candidate would be expected to supervise at least 120 hours per year for the College, equivalent to an average of six hours per week in Full Term. If the Lecturer chooses to undertake additional teaching beyond this level it would be paid for at the College’s normal hourly rates. In addition, the successful candidate would normally be expected to act as Director of Studies in History, as described in the following section.

Christ’s College admits approximately 8–10 undergraduate students per year for history and for the related degrees in History & Politics and History & Modern Languages. It has a long and distinguished tradition as one of the leading history Colleges in the University. The pioneer was J.H. Plumb (later Sir John but generally known as ‘Jack’), a Fellow of Christ’s from 1946 until his death in 2001, who was a notable teacher of undergraduates and doctoral students and also a major figure in the development of 18th-century studies and of public history in general. This Fellowship is partly funded by the generosity of the Glenfield Trust and was set up in 2011 to mark the centenary of his birth. Current Fellows in History at Christ’s include Prof. David Reynolds, Prof. Susan Bayly, Dr Helen Pfeifer, Dr Felix Waldmann, Dr Valentina Pugliano and Ms Harriet Lyon. Honorary Fellows include Quentin Skinner, Simon Schama, Neil McKendrick,
Barry Supple, David Cannadine and Linda Colley – many of them pupils of Plumb and holders of College Lectureships at Christ’s in the past.

College teaching supports and builds on the University’s lecture courses. The Historical Tripos is undergoing reform but the successful candidate is likely to be someone able to offer supervision of the highest quality in more than one of the current Part I outline papers in British and/or continental European history since 1500 (i.e., sections B to D on the appended Faculty list). Furthermore, the successful candidate will be capable of supervising some of the specialist Tripos papers in Part II and also of teaching some classes on general historical methodology (‘Historical Argument and Practice’ – HAP).

**Additional College Responsibilities**

In addition to the specific teaching requirement, the successful applicant will be expected to play a full part in the academic life of the College, including:

- When required, to act as Director of Studies for History and for History & Politics:
  - monitoring the academic programme of undergraduates, giving advice on their choice of papers and progress, and liaising with their personal Tutors;
  - arranging supervisions for all of the undergraduate papers in History, involving liaison with supervisors and the Faculty;
  - building relationships with specialist supervisors in other Colleges under ‘swap’ arrangements where necessary;

- pursuing research and publication in his or her chosen field;

- if asked, acting as a Tutor (for additional remuneration) or taking on other College offices or duties as required, which will always be commensurate with an early-career appointment;

- attending meetings of the Governing Body and other College committees;

- assisting with Admissions activities including interviewing student applicants to the College, attending Open Days and assessing graduate applications; and

- overseeing the activities of the Seeley Society (the College’s History Society).

**Research and Publication**

The teaching commitment for the College has deliberately been set at a level that should enable the successful candidate to devote sufficient time to research and publication as well as to build other skills that might enhance his or her *curriculum vitae*. There is a wide range of relevant professional development courses offered by the University and other institutions, and the successful candidate will be encouraged and expected to take advantage of these opportunities. In addition, the College Council is able to make grants on application for research purposes, for example to contribute to the cost of attending conferences or towards the cost of computer equipment.
A College Lectureship is intended to provide a valuable development opportunity for a fixed term to an individual at the beginning of his or her academic career to allow him or her to build teaching skills, a publication record and other academic activity with a view to obtaining a University appointment in Cambridge or elsewhere.

Support
Upon appointment, the successful candidate will be required to attend the induction course entitled 'Pathways in Higher Education Practice'. The training programme for College Lecturers also includes regular informal meetings with an assigned mentor who is a Fellow of the College, where issues to be discussed may encompass the following topics:

- Publication strategies;
- The balance of research, publication and teaching;
- When and how to apply for University posts and advice on such applications; and
- Connections with the Faculty of History at the University and any possible opportunities for undertaking teaching and/or examining duties there.

The College Lecturer will also receive a formal annual appraisal from another Fellow of the College.

Conditions of Employment
The successful candidate will be employed by the College for a fixed term of four years, without possibility of renewal, from 1st September 2018, as a College Teaching Officer subject to its Statutes and Ordinances. He or she will be elected to a Fellowship of the College and will be expected to reside in Cambridge. The stipend will be the equivalent to point 42 on the University’s single salary spine, currently £32,548; the Fellow will be eligible for participation in the University Superannuation Scheme. Any additional teaching beyond the contractual requirement of 120 hours per annum will be paid at the normal hourly rates for College supervision.

Fellows are normally offered single-occupancy residential accommodation in College: the stipend is subject to reduction if the Fellow chooses to accept this offer and reside in College. If the Fellow lives out of College, a room is provided for teaching and other academic purposes. The College has a car park (in the centre of Cambridge) which Fellows may use. Fellows are also entitled to seven free meals a week in College, and there is a small annual entertainment allowance.

There is no formal entitlement to sabbatical leave but it is normal College practice to allow a College Teaching Officer, if circumstances permit, to take a sabbatical term after six terms of service, which may be supplemented by a CRASSH fellowship if such an application is successful.

Applications
Applications (there are no forms) should be sent to masters-assistant@christs.cam.ac.uk to arrive no later than noon on **Monday 29th January 2018**, to include a *curriculum vitae* with details of qualifications, experience and publications (including pdfs or weblinks wherever possible), and the names and addresses of two persons who have agreed to act as academic referees. Candidates must arrange for their referees to send their reference directly to masters-assistant@christs.cam.ac.uk so that references are received by the closing date of **Monday 29th January 2018**. Short-listed candidates may be asked for copies of written work and may be invited for interview, to be held on **Friday 16th February 2018**.

* It should be noted that a successful candidate for the Fellowship who does not have an automatic right to work in the United Kingdom (including anyone who is completing a PhD at an overseas institution) will be subject to the visa requirements of the United Kingdom. The College will give advice and assistance but ultimately it will be the responsibility of the candidate to obtain the necessary visa.
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Section A
1. Themes and Sources – taught in Faculty classes (from a list of options)

Section B – British Political and Constitutional History
2. British Political and Constitutional History 380–1100
3. British Political and Constitutional History 1050–1509
4. British Political and Constitutional History 1485–1714
5. British Political and Constitutional History 1688-1886
6. British Political and Constitutional History since 1880

Section C – British Economic and Social History
7. British Economic and Social History 380–1100
8. British Economic and Social History 1050–c.1500
9. British Economic and Social History c.1500–1750
10. British Economic and Social History 1700–1880
11. British Economic and Social History since c.1880

Section D – European History
12. European History 776BC–AD69
13. European History 31BC–AD900
14. European History 900–c.1215
15. European History 1200–1520
16. European History 1450–1760
17. European History 1715–1890
18. European History since 1890

Section E – Political Thought
19. History of Political Thought to c.1700
20. History of Political Thought from c.1700 to c.1890

Section F – World History
21. Empires and World History from the Fifteenth Century to the First World War
23. World History since 1914

Section G – American History
22. North American History from c. 1500 to 1865
24. The History of the United States from 1865