



Magdalene College CAMBRIDGE

Dias College Assistant Professor in Law: further particulars

Teaching in the University of Cambridge Law Tripos (the course leading to the BA degree in law) is provided by the [Faculty of Law](#) and by the colleges, the Faculty of Law providing lectures and certain classes, and the colleges providing supervisions (tutorials) which normally take place in groups of between two and four students. In addition to Fellows who hold University teaching posts in law, many colleges appoint College Teaching Officers (CTOs) in law, with a view to the provision of core undergraduate teaching, together with directing studies for both undergraduate and postgraduate law students, and associated administrative activities. The advertised Dias College Assistant Professorship at Magdalene College is one such CTO post. The successful candidate will be elected to an Official Fellowship of Magdalene College, which carries membership of the College's governing body and responsibility as a trustee of the College (which is a registered charity).

The post will involve responsibilities in terms of undergraduate teaching, administration, and research as set out below. The post is for a term of three years eleven months in the first instance; subject to satisfactory performance the contract is renewable beyond the fixed term to a permanent position, subject to election by the Governing Body.

Magdalene College normally admits about eight undergraduates each year to read law, together with a smaller number of students on the LLM (Master of Law) and MCL (Master of Corporate Law) courses, and PhD students in law and cognate areas.

There are currently two University teaching officers in law who are Official Fellows of Magdalene, Professor Neil Jones (University Professor of English Legal History) and Professor Antje du Bois-Pedain (University Professor of Criminal Law and Philosophy). The Master of Magdalene is Sir Christopher Greenwood KC, formerly Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics, and a judge of the International Court of Justice. Mr Aaron Taylor, a practising barrister at Fountain Court Chambers is a fellow commoner. The College's honorary fellows include Sir Andrew Morritt (formerly Chancellor of the High Court), Wong Yan-lung GBM, SC (formerly Secretary for Justice of Hong Kong), and Baroness Hale of Richmond (formerly President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom). The College has a long and distinguished history of law teaching begun by Mickey Dias (Hon. QC) under whose leadership the College produced a Lord Chief Justice, a Chancellor of the High Court, three Court of Appeal Judges and eight High Court judges.

College teaching

College undergraduate teaching in law (as in other subjects) takes the form of supervisions, which in law are usually in groups of between two and four students, students having a total of ten hour-long supervisions for each of their four or five papers in the course of an academic year. Supervisions build upon and supplement University lectures, and include provision of written feedback on formative essays. Each academic year consists of twenty teaching weeks, eight weeks in each of the Michaelmas and Lent terms, and four weeks in the Easter term (followed by examinations). The successful candidate will be expected to teach a total of 160 hours of supervisions across the academic year, an average of eight hours per teaching week in full term. Should the successful candidate choose to teach additional hours this would be paid for at the College's normal hourly rates for supervising.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide supervisions in at least two, and preferably three supervised Law Tripos papers. Preference may be given to applicants who are able and willing to teach at least one of the following papers: Civil Law in Context, Constitutional Law, Law of Tort, Law of Contract and Equity. Details of the papers available in the Law Tripos may be found at [this link](#). The successful candidate will be expected to give preference within their supervising hours to Magdalene students, but supervisions may also be given for other colleges, in particular where this would assist with supervising swap arrangements.

Direction of Studies

In common with other subjects, all Law undergraduates have a college Director of Studies whose duties include monitoring their academic progress, advising on study methods and paper choices, provision of references, and liaison with each student's personal Tutor (who will be in a subject other than Law). Directors of studies also arrange supervisions for their students and build relationships with specialist supervisors in other colleges under swap arrangements where needed. Direction of studies is also provided for LLM and MCL students (for whom all teaching is arranged and provided by the Faculty of Law). The successful candidate will be expected to act as Director of Studies for some or all of the College's undergraduate law students and/or for Magdalene LLM or MCL students.

Other Administrative responsibilities

The successful candidate will be required to take part in Law undergraduate admissions activities, including interviewing applicants and attending open days and other outreach or widening participation events, and may be asked to assess applications for postgraduate courses in law. The successful candidate may also be required to participate in oversight of the activities of the College Law Society, including its mooting activities. As an Official Fellow the successful candidate will be required to attend meetings of the College's Governing Body (usually held three times in each term), and may be expected to sit on one or more other College committees.

Additional Role

The successful candidate will be expected to take on a substantial College Office, such as being Dean (of Discipline) or a Tutor, if requested to do so. Such roles carry additional remuneration (at present £6,851 for the post of Dean and £12,380 for that of Tutor). The

teaching commitment for the post has been set with a view to enabling the successful candidate to take on such a position. Willingness and ability to take on such roles will be a consideration in the appointment process, and successful performance in such a role will be a relevant consideration for renewal of the contract.

Research and publication

It is expected that the successful candidate will engage in research and publication in peer-reviewed journals. The University of Cambridge and other institutions offer a wide range of relevant professional development courses, with which the successful candidate will be encouraged and expected to engage. The College is able to make limited grants towards certain research expenses. The successful candidate may be granted sabbatical leave at reasonable intervals by the Governing Body.

Links with the Faculty of Law

The successful candidate will be encouraged to develop links with the Faculty of Law, for example through attendance at seminars and special lectures. If invited by the Faculty to give lectures (which would be additionally remunerated), depending upon the number of lectures, the successful candidate may be eligible for appointment as an Affiliated Lecturer.

Qualifications and experience

The successful candidate will normally be expected to have a PhD in a relevant area, or be about to be awarded their PhD by the start of the appointment. They will show evidence of ability to engage in high-level research in law, with publications and research activity commensurate with their career stage. They will show evidence of ability to teach law effectively at undergraduate level. They will show evidence of ability to work together with colleagues in a collegial and collaborative manner.

Conditions of employment

The successful candidate will be employed by the College for an initial term of three years and eleven months, from 1 September 2026 to 31 July 2030, as a College Lecturer in accordance with the College Statutes. Subject to satisfactory performance the contract is renewable beyond the fixed term period to a permanent position, subject to election by the Governing Body. The successful candidate will be elected to an Official Fellowship, and will be subject to the residence requirements for College Officers. The annual stipend, depending upon experience, will be equivalent to points 41 to 44 of the Cambridge University Scale (currently £38,636 to £42,091). The successful candidate will be eligible for participation in the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS). Any additional teaching beyond the contractual requirement of 160 hours a year will be paid at the normal hourly rates for College supervisions.

Any offer of employment will be subject to the applicant holding the right to work in the UK. The role may be eligible for someone to undertake whilst holding a Skilled Worker visa. The College is a licensed sponsor but eligibility for sponsorship will be dependent on individual applicant circumstances. Please email the Human Resources department separately on hr@magd.cam.ac.uk if you believe you will require a visa.

Official Fellows are eligible to take a buffet lunch free of charge in College on any or all weekdays, Monday to Friday. This applies when Fellows' lunch is served and there is no payment in lieu for occasions when there is no lunch. Official Fellows may also take dinner free of charge on High Table or in the Senior Combination Room when it is served, and may sign in guests on most dining nights; guests are paid for by the Fellow. Wine taken by Fellows and their guests is also charged at a reasonable rate.

Within the constraints of availability, Official Fellows may apply for single accommodation in College (in the Precincts), for which there is a service charge. Accommodation in the Estate is subject to availability.

Applications

There is no separate application form. Applications should be made through the CASC FAS online application system, the link to which is available [here](#), to arrive no later than 12 noon on Monday 23 March 2026. Applications should consist of a covering letter explaining how the applicant is well-suited to the various duties of the role; a *curriculum vitae* with details of qualifications, publications and relevant experience; a statement of no more than 1,000 words of the applicant's research; and the names and contact details of two referees (who have agreed to act as such). Referees will receive an email with details of how to provide a reference through the CASC FAC online application system. Applicants are required to ask their referees to submit their references through the online application system by the closing date for applications. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that references are received.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview. Interviews are expected to be held on Wednesday 29 April 2026. Shortlisted candidates may be asked to submit copies of written work before the interview. Interviews will be face to face or via Zoom at the discretion of the appointments panel.