College Lecturer in Early Modern or Modern History: further particulars

Magdalene College intends to appoint a College Lecturer in early modern or modern British and/or European history. Complementary interests in world history may be an advantage. The successful applicant will be expected to undertake undergraduate teaching and associated academic administration and will play a central role in developing the cohort of students reading History at Magdalene.

Teaching in the University of Cambridge History Tripos (the course leading to the BA degree in History) is provided by the Faculty of History (https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/) and by the colleges, the Faculty providing lectures and classes, and the colleges providing supervisions (tutorials) which may sometimes involve small groups of students but are frequently conducted on a one-to-one basis. In addition to those who hold University teaching posts in history, many colleges also appoint College Teaching Officers (CTOs) who are responsible for providing core undergraduate teaching, direction of studies in the subject and discharging associated administrative duties. The advertised College Teaching Officership is one such post. It is expected that the post-holder will be elected to an Official Fellowship at Magdalene, which carries membership of the College’s Governing Body and responsibility as a trustee of the College (which is a registered charity).

The post is intended to provide an opportunity for someone relatively early in their academic career to develop teaching and administrative skills while also pursuing academic research. The post is offered for a term of three years and eleven months. The successful applicant will hold the PhD degree (or equivalent) and will already have a track record of publication.

Magdalene normally admits six students each year to read History and several more who read for the joint triposes in History and Modern Languages and History and Politics. The College also admits postgraduate students studying for a range of MPhils in history and for the PhD in history.

There are currently three University Teaching Officers in History who are Official or Professorial Fellows of Magdalene: Professor Saul Dubow (Smuts Professor of Commonwealth History), Professor Tim Harper (Professor of the History of Southeast Asia) and Dr Carl Watkins (Reader in British History). Dr Christina Skott is College Lecturer (and a specialist in the history of early modern Asia). Dr John Patterson (University Senior Lecturer in Ancient History), whose post is in Classics, is also involved in teaching undergraduates reading History. Professor James Raven is Senior Research Fellow in History, and Dr Ronald Hyam (Emeritus Reader in British Imperial History) and Professor Eamon Duffy (Emeritus Professor of the History of Christianity) are also Fellows of the College. Drs Sarah Caputo and Jonathan Glazer-Eytan are currently Lumley Junior Research Fellows.

College Teaching
College teaching in history, as in other subjects, takes the form primarily of supervisions, for which students write essays and during which the supervisor offers written and oral feedback. Supervisions are normally conducted on a one-to-one basis but may also involve pairs of students or small groups.

A restructured History tripos will be introduced in 2022-3 but in its current form, students take a two-year Part I, choosing five papers from a wide range and receiving eight supervisions, concentrated in a single term, for each paper. The sixth and final term of Part I is dedicated to revision. Throughout Part I, supervisions build on and supplement teaching delivered through lectures and classes in the Faculty. Part II of the tripos has different components and rhythms but teaching continues to depend upon a combination of supervisions, classes and lectures. Further information about the undergraduate course is available on the History Faculty’s website: https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate-study

The post-holder will be expected to teach at least two of the current Part I papers (and then their successors in the restructured tripos) from among the following: British Political History, 1485-1714; British Political History, 1688-1880; British Political History, since 1880; British Economic and Social History, c.1500-c.1750; British Economic and Social History, 1700-1880; British Economic and Social History, since c.1880; European History, 1450-1760; European History, 1715-1890; European History, since 1890. Further details about the papers currently available in the History tripos is available at: https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/course/history-ba-tripos

The post-holder would be expected to deliver a total of 160 supervisions, an average of 8 hours per week in full term. Should the post-holder choose to teach additional hours this would be remunerated at the normal hourly rates for supervising. The post-holder 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.

The post-holder will also be expected to arrange, and participate in, College teaching of general papers in historical methodology that are compulsory elements of the undergraduate course (currently the general paper is ‘Historical Argument and Practice’, which is examined in the first and final year of the tripos).

The successful applicant may be invited to offer lectures and classes as part of the Faculty’s provision of undergraduate teaching and there may also, in due course, be opportunities for graduate teaching. These would be at the discretion of the History Faculty and would be separately remunerated.

Direction of Studies
In common with other subjects, all History 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 the student’s personal tutor (who will be in a subject other than History). Directors of studies also arrange supervisions for their students and build relationships with specialist supervisors in other colleges under swap arrangements (such that students at Magdalen can be supervised in those papers where there is no in-house expertise). The post-holder would be required to act as director of studies for history students in all three year-groups and similarly for students studying the joint tripos in History and Politics.

**Other College Responsibilities**

The post-holder will be required to take part in History undergraduate admissions activities, including involvement in widening participation initiatives, outreach events and College open days, and would also be involved in interviewing applicants. The post-holder may also be required to oversee the activities of the College History Society, which is student-led and arranges a number of speaker meetings and social events during the course of the academic year. The successful applicant, as an Official Fellow, will be required to attend meeting of the College’s Governing Body (usually held three times each term), and may also be asked to take up other College offices or duties from time to time.

**Research and Publication**

It is expected that the post-holder will engage in research and publication and the teaching and other obligations of the post have been set with a view to enabling the post-holder to devote time to this work. The University of Cambridge and other institutions offer a wide range of relevant professional development courses, with which the successful applicant would be encouraged to engage. The College is able to make limited grants towards research and expenses.

**Conditions of Employment**

The post-holder will be employed by the College for a fixed term of three years and eleven months, from 1 January 2022 to 1 December 2025, as a College Lecturer in accordance with the College Statutes. It is anticipated that they will be elected to an Official Fellowship, and will be subject to the residence requirements for College Officers. The annual stipend will be equivalent to point 41 of the Cambridge University Scale (currently £32,816). The post-holder 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. If necessary the College may be able to assist the successful candidate in obtaining a Skilled Worker Visa, please email the HR 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, which prior to the covid-19
pandemic, took place seven days a week. Guests may be signed in for dinner on any day except Sunday, and are paid for by the Fellow. Wine taken by Fellows and their guests is also charged at a reasonable rate.

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 application form. Applications should be uploaded through the following link https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/clhistory.aspx to arrive no later than noon on 13 September 2021. Applications should consist of a covering letter; a curriculum vitae with details of qualifications, publications and relevant experience; a statement of no more than a thousand 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 and the deadline. Applicants are required to ask their referees to send their references by the closing date for applications and are advised to check that their nominated referees submit references on time.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview. Interviews are expected to take place in late September or early October. 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 and subject to government guidelines.