ST JOHN’S COLLEGE, OXFORD

COLLEGE STIPENDIARY LECTURERSHIP IN PHILOSOPHY

Further Particulars

St. John’s College invites applications for a fixed-term Stipendiary Lecturership in Philosophy. The appointment is available for the period 1st October 2017 – 30th September 2018. This is a temporary, fixed-term position created to provide substitute teaching for an interim period prior to the refilling of the substantive post and will therefore not be extended or renewed.

St John’s College

Established in 1555 as a constituent college of the University of Oxford, St John’s College fosters excellence in education and research. It is one of the largest among Oxford Colleges and nearly every subject studied at the University has its representation. Today, St John's is home to approximately 390 undergraduates, 250 graduate students, 100 fellows and 25 College lecturers. A vibrant international community, it fosters intellectual rigour, creativity, and independence in its students, teachers, and researchers. The College supports a range of research activities including discussions, seminars, workshops, public lectures and visiting scholar schemes, as well as the Research Centre, which particularly emphasizes interdisciplinary approaches. While scholarly publication is naturally at the heart of our research endeavours, the fellowship is also committed to informing policy and public debate, and to teaching that is informed by research findings.

Further information about the College is available at http://www.sjc.ox.ac.uk.

Philosophy at St John’s

St John’s admits up to 17 undergraduates each year to read for degrees which include the study of Philosophy; 7 in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, 4 in Literae Humaniores and up to 6 in other Joint Schools involving Philosophy. The successful applicant will work with Professor Alison Hills, Official Fellow in Philosophy, Dr Georgy Kantor, Official Fellow in Ancient History, Professor Malcolm Davies, Official Fellow in Classics, Professor Kate Nation, Official Fellow in Psychology, Dr MaryAnn Noonan, Supernumerary Teaching Fellow in Psychology, Professor Walter Mattli, Official Fellow in Politics, Dr Zeynep Pamuk, Supernumerary Teaching Fellow in Politics, Dr Kate Doornik, Supernumerary Fellow in Economics and Dr Sandra Campbell, Supernumerary Fellow in Physiology. The post offers the opportunity to develop skills in teaching and academic administration in a supportive environment.

Duties

The successful candidate will be required:
(i) to provide six hours of teaching in Philosophy (tutorials and seminars) during each week of full term, as directed by the Senior Tutor;
(ii) to share pastoral duties and participate in the organisation of teaching in Philosophy in the College;
(iii) to participate in the undergraduate admissions process in College;
(iv) to contribute as appropriate to the College’s access and outreach initiatives.

Selection Criteria

The appointee will be able to demonstrate:

(i) an ability to teach introductory epistemology & metaphysics and elementary formal logic for the First Public Examination, and to contribute to the teaching of Finals papers in philosophy (excluding Ethics). (Details of the Oxford Philosophy syllabus can be found at: http://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate);
(ii) an ability to provide a high standard of teaching to very able and challenging undergraduates;
(iii) the ability to undertake pastoral responsibilities for undergraduate students;
(iv) good communication skills and evidence of the sensitivity required to deal effectively with pastoral duties;
(v) willingness to take part in Open Days, schools visits and other access and outreach activities;
(vi) Preference will be given to candidates who have, or expect to have completed by 1st October 2017, a doctorate in Philosophy.

Remuneration and benefits

The salary is on the Senior Tutors’ scale for six hour stipendiary lecturers, currently £13,026 p.a. Stipendiary Lecturers may have paid by College or reclaim, research and teaching expenses of up to £1,500 per year, subject to approval in advance by the Academic Dean. There is an entertainment allowance which is currently £358 per annum. Full dining rights throughout the period of appointment will be offered. A teaching room, which may be shared, will be provided.

There is no entitlement to sabbatical leave.

Application procedure

There is no application form. Candidates should email a covering letter and a curriculum vitae with details of qualifications and experience to academic.vacancies@sjc.ox.ac.uk. Applications should be in the form of a single PDF file. Candidates must also provide the names of two academic referees who should be asked to email their applications to the same address.

Both applications and references should reach the College no later than noon on Friday 15th September 2017. Late applications will not be accepted.

Candidates are encouraged to include a completed equal opportunities monitoring form with their application. Your information will not form part of the selection process and will not be disclosed to the selection panel. Please send this electronically as a separate PDF document to academic.vacancies@sjc.ox.ac.uk.
Right to work in the UK

The appointment will be subject to the provision of proof of the right to work in the UK. This role will not attract sufficient points to obtain a sponsored tier 2 visa under the points based immigration system, however applications are welcome from candidates who don’t currently have the right to work in the UK, but who would be eligible to obtain a visa via another route.

Equal Opportunities

The policy and practice of the College requires that all staff are afforded equal opportunities within employment and that entry into employment with the College and progression within employment will be determined only by personal merit and the application of criteria which are related to the duties of each particular post and the relevant salary structure. In all cases, ability to perform the job will be the primary consideration. Subject to statutory provisions, no applicant or member of staff will be treated less favourably than another because of his or her sex, marital status, sexual orientation, racial group, age, disability or religion and belief.