ROBINSON COLLEGE in association with the DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (POLIS)

Teaching & Research Fellowship in the History of Political Thought

Robinson College in association with the Department of Politics and International Studies seeks to appoint a Teaching & Research Fellow in the History of Political Thought for a fixed term of three years with effect from October 2018.

The successful candidate will join existing HSPS Fellows Dr Stuart Hogarth (Sociology), Dr Maryon McDonald (Social Anthropology), Dr Julie Smith (Politics) and Dr Deborah Thom (History and Social Science), and will be expected to play a full part in the teaching and administration of the subject. The College admits 6-8 undergraduate students per year for HSPS and 1-2 for History & Politics; they typically perform extremely well.

The Teaching & Research Fellowship is tenable for a fixed term of three years.

It is envisaged that the successful candidate will be a researcher in the early stages of their career with an infectious enthusiasm for the teaching of their subject and the post is designed as a 50:50 teaching/research position.

Research (50%)
The Research Fellow is expected to pursue learning and research in their chosen subject. The College’s academic environment will provide favourable conditions for research, which will be undertaken freely and without supervision on the part of the College. The results of this research are expected to be presented by the appointee at international conferences and meetings and in prestigious publications, etc.

Teaching (50%)
The teaching requirements of the post will be an average of six hours per week during Full Term, and will split 4 hours for Robinson College and 2 hours for the Department. Further information about the teaching expectations are given below:

College expectations
The successful candidate will make a major contribution to the teaching of their subject within the College (invigorate, energise and transform the subject – were the aims of the Education Committee in creating this post).

- Small group teaching of undergraduate students of the College
- Assist in the direction of studies for HSPS
- Play a full part in the recruitment and admissions process
- Developing new, sustainable methods of teaching delivery, working closely with students to fully understand how they learn
- Undertaking their own leading-edge research and contributing to the intellectual life of the College, particularly amongst the Junior Members
- Facilitating a student society in HSPS
Informal enquires about College aspects of the post can be addressed to Dr. Julie Smith (email jes42@cam.ac.uk) and/or Dr. Deborah Thom (email dt111@cam.ac.uk)

Department expectations
The successful candidate will be expected to supervise in the Department, specifically teaching the History of Political Thought across both the HSPS and History and Politics Triposes. This will be around 2 hours of supervision weekly.

The Department of Politics and International Studies very much hopes that the successful candidate will want to engage with the wide range of events and activities in POLIS, and will assign a local mentor to ensure good integration with the Department.

Informal enquires about Department aspects of the post can be addressed to Dr. Christopher Brooke (email cb632@cam.ac.uk) and/or Dr. Duncan Kelly (email djk36@cam.ac.uk)

The Research Fellowship associated with the post entails membership of the Governing Body of Robinson College and the rights and responsibilities therewith.

The Fellowship carries with it a number of associated benefits, which include free meals taken in College, an annual Research allowance of £700 and a small entertainment allowance.

The pensionable stipend will be in the range £27,285 - £34,971, being Steps 36-40 on the University scale.

Applicants should send a covering letter, which should include an outline of current research interests and teaching experience, as well as a detailed curriculum vitae, to the Senior Tutor, Robinson College, Cambridge CB3 9AN, or via e-mail to ks610@cam.ac.uk no later than 21 May.

Applicants should also arrange for two referees to send references directly to the Senior Tutor by the same date.

At interview, applicants will be asked to give a 10-minute presentation on their research. Shortlisting will take place in late May and interviews will be held on Thursday 7 June (afternoon).