Robinson College

Fellowship in Modern Peninsular Spanish Literature and Culture

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About Robinson College

The College is a centre of academic excellence with about 400 undergraduates and about 300 postgraduates. Sir Richard Heaton is Warden of the College and there are approximately 90 Fellows and 125 non-academic staff.

Robinson College is the most recent addition to the 31 colleges which make up the University of Cambridge. It owes its foundation to the generosity of Sir David Robinson whose endowment is the largest single gift ever accepted by the University. Planning for the College began in 1973 when trustees were appointed; building started in 1977 and the College moved into its new accommodation in October 1980. Her Majesty The Queen officially opened the College on 29 May 1981.

ROBINSON COLLEGE in association with the FACULTY OF MODERN AND MEDIEVAL LANGUAGES AND LINGUISTICS of the University of Cambridge

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Robinson College in association with the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics seeks to appoint a Fellow in Spanish for a fixed term of two years with effect from 1 October 2022. The appointment may be extended for a third year, subject to the availability of funding.

The Fellowship is designed as a 50:50 teaching/research position. It is envisaged that the successful candidate will be an outstanding researcher in the early stages of their career with a clear enthusiasm for the teaching of their subject. They should hold a PhD on a subject within modern Peninsular Spanish or Catalan literature or culture, or have submitted their PhD thesis by the end of July 2022.

The successful candidate will join existing MML Fellows Dr Rory Finnin (Slavonic Studies), Dr Emily Price (French) and Dr Joanna Page (Spanish), and will be expected to play a full part in the teaching and administration of the subject within Robinson. The College admits roughly 7 undergraduate students per year for MML; they typically perform extremely well.
About the Role

Research (50%)

The Research Fellow is expected to pursue leading-edge research in their chosen field and to contribute to the intellectual life of the College. The College’s academic environment provides 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.

Teaching (50%)

The post-holder will be required to teach for an average of 6 hours per week during Full Term, including 4 hours for Robinson College and around 2 hours for the Faculty. Further information about the teaching expectations is given below.

College expectations

The successful candidate will make a major contribution to the teaching of their subject within the College. This will include:

- teaching undergraduate students in small groups (supervisions) or seminars for the College. The post-holder would be expected to provide supervisions for SP1, SP4 and SP9, and (if they have the relevant expertise) for the literature/culture element of papers in Catalan. Supervisions may be taught for other Colleges by arrangement to make up the expected average of four hours per week.
- assisting other Fellows in the direction of studies for MML
- playing a full part in the recruitment and admissions process
- developing innovative methods of teaching, working closely with students to understand how they learn
- facilitating broader engagement with their subject on the part of MML students, by organizing cultural events and/or setting up a student MML society

Informal enquiries about College-related aspects of the post may be addressed to Dr Joanna Page (email jep29@cam.ac.uk).
Faculty expectations

The successful candidate will be expected to give around two hours of lectures or classes in the Faculty each week during Full Term, to a maximum of 30 hours over the year. The papers to be taught will be decided on the basis of the post-holder’s expertise and the specific teaching needs of the Faculty, but it is expected that they will contribute to the Modern Peninsular Spanish papers SP4 and SP9 and (if they have appropriate expertise) to the Catalan papers SP6 and SP10. (Information about these papers may be found by following the links to ‘Scheduled Papers’ at https://www.mmll.cam.ac.uk/spanish/undergraduates/papers.) They will also be required to teach translation classes. There may also be opportunities for the post-holder to contribute to the Faculty’s MPhil programmes. Arrangements for Faculty teaching will be agreed each year with the Undergraduate Teaching and Examining Officer for the Spanish and Portuguese Section within the MMLL Faculty. The post-holder may be asked to undertake a small amount of examining, for which additional payment would be made at the usual rate.

It is hoped that the successful candidate will want to engage with the wide range of events and activities in MMLL, and the Faculty will assign a local mentor to ensure good integration.

Informal enquiries about Faculty aspects of the post can be addressed to Prof Geoffrey Kantaris, Acting Director of the Spanish and Portuguese Section of MMLL (email egk10@cam.ac.uk).
The pensionable stipend for the post will be in the range of £30,497 to £32,344, being Steps 38-40 on the University scale.

Accommodation in college, at a very favourable rate, is likely to be available to the successful candidate.

The post is fixed term for two years with effect from 1 October 2022.

Applications are invited in all areas of Modern Peninsular Spanish Literature and Culture. The ability to teach Catalan cultural studies alongside modern Spanish culture would be desirable. It is envisaged that the successful candidate will be a researcher in the early stages of their career for whom a short-term post would prove to be an attractive opportunity to enhance their research and academic profile. The post-holder will be elected a Fellow of Robinson College.

The 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.

At interview, applicants will be asked to give a 10-minute presentation on their research, which should be pitched at the level of advanced postgraduate students. Shortlisting will take place in late August and interviews will be held on 12 September 2022.

Robinson College and the University of Cambridge actively support equality, diversity and inclusion and encourage applications from all sections of society.

How to apply

Applications should be addressed to the Senior Tutor, Robinson College, Cambridge and sent via email to careers@robinson.cam.ac.uk no later than noon (BST) on 26 August 2022.

Applicants should submit a completed application form, a covering letter (which should include an outline of current research interests and teaching experience) and a detailed curriculum vitae. They should also include a sample of written work (published or unpublished, of approx. 10,000 words in length) and arrange for two referees to send references directly to the Senior Tutor by the same date, using the email address above.