Fellowship in the History of Political Thought

Robinson College in association with the Department of Politics and International Studies seeks to appoint a Fellow in the History of Political Thought for a fixed term of three years with effect from October 2021.

The Fellowship is tenable for a fixed term of three years and 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 an infectious enthusiasm for the teaching of their subject. They should hold a PhD on a subject within the history of political thought, or be on track to submit their dissertation by the end of June 2021 at the latest.

The successful candidate will join existing HSPS Fellows Dr Stuart Hogarth (Sociology) and Dr Julie Smith (Politics) and History Fellows Dr Amy Erickson, Dr Sarah Pearsall and Dr David Woodman, and will be expected to play a full part in the teaching and administration of the subject. The College admits 5-6 undergraduate students per year for HSPS and 1-2 for History & Politics; they typically perform extremely well.

Research (50%)
The Research Fellow is expected to pursue learning and research in their chosen subject and to contribute to the intellectual life of the College. The College’s academic environment will provide favourable conditions for research. The appointee is expected to present the results of their research at international conferences and meetings and in prestigious publications.

Teaching (50%)
The teaching requirements of the post will be an average of six hours per week during Full Term, and will split on average 4 hours for Robinson College and 2 hours for the Department over the course of the three years.

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

- small group teaching of undergraduate students of the College
- being the principal director of studies for History and Politics and assisting in the direction of studies for HSPS
- playing a full part in the recruitment and admissions process
- developing new, sustainable methods of teaching delivery, working closely with students to understand how they learn
- undertaking their own leading-edge research and contributing to the intellectual life of the College, particularly amongst the Junior Members
Informal enquires about College aspects of the post can be addressed to Dr. Julie Smith (email jes42@cam.ac.uk).

Department expectations
The successful candidate will be expected to develop their own Masters-level module, to be taught within the framework of the MPhil in Politics and International Relations and/or the part-time Master of Studies in International Relations, which will involve teaching the module three times over the course of the post (14 hours per iteration), plus associated supervision and marking.

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 Professor Jason Sharman (jcs207@cam.ac.uk).

The pensionable stipend for the post will be in the range £30,046 - £31,865, being Steps 38-40 on the University scale.

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.

Applications should be sent via email to the Senior Tutor, Robinson College, Cambridge CB3 9AN, using the address ks610@cam.ac.uk, no later than 18 June 2021. Applicants should send a completed application form, a covering letter (which should include an outline of current research interests and teaching experience), a detailed curriculum vitae and the names of two referees who may be contacted at the interview stage.

At interview, applicants will be asked to give a 10-minute presentation on their research. Shortlisting will take place in early July and interviews will be held on 15 July.

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

Candidates are responsible for checking their eligibility to take up the post under UK immigration rules. Unfortunately, the College can only accept applications from candidates who are already eligible to work in the UK, as the College does not hold a sponsor licence.