Murray Edwards College invites applications for a College Lectureship in Law from 1 September 2024. The post will be tenable for two years in the first instance, at which point the appointee will be eligible for a tenured permanent post. Remuneration will be at Point 49 on the University of Cambridge’s salary scale (currently £45,585). Subject to satisfactory appraisal, a College Lecturer shall be eligible for an annual salary increment on the University Lecturer Scale (Points 1-5 on Grade 9 of the University salary scales). The successful candidate will be elected to an Official Fellowship of the College. The post will be fully pensionable.

We welcome applications from applicants who will have completed a Ph.D. in Law and demonstrate potential to carry out and publish research of the highest calibre. We particularly encourage applications from women and/or candidates from a BME background who are under-represented at this level. Given the nature of the post, the successful candidate will also have experience of teaching at undergraduate level at Cambridge or at another University; and/or have an interest in developing high-quality teaching. Experience of supervision of teaching in at least two of the following papers would be a distinct advantage – Tort, Equity, Contract, Land Law or Civil Law.

Successful candidates must provide satisfactory evidence of eligibility to work in the UK.

The College has around twenty undergraduate Law students at any one time, and has a history of excellent results in the subject. The students form a thriving community within the College, as well as being involved in activities outside the College.

Duties
The person appointed will be expected to teach (‘supervise’) undergraduates for twelve hours per week for the twenty teaching weeks of the year, and will direct studies for students taking Law in the College (for which there is separate remuneration). College supervision involves setting and marking work which is then discussed in meetings with small groups of students. Directors of Studies are formally responsible for advising students on the course and for reviewing their progress with them (particularly through individual meetings at the beginning and end of each term) and for finding appropriate supervisors for each course. They also play a major role in selecting students from amongst those applying for places: participation in admission interviews in December and January each year, and in the cross-College moderation meetings (the Winter and Summer pools) is essential. It is also hoped that the successful applicant will play a part in promoting and supporting Law within the College and more broadly, for example through outreach activities.

The person appointed will be elected to an Official Fellowship at Murray Edwards College, coterminous with the qualifying office of College Lecturer. Fellows share collective responsibility for the governance of the College, as members of the College’s Governing Body and normally contribute to the running of the College through membership of its Council or the supporting committee structure. The person appointed will have an office in the College with computer and IT facilities, and will enjoy a range of benefits including full dining rights and access to other facilities including College gym and parking. All Fellows can apply for a research grant, and accommodation at advantageous rates may be available.

Benefits
The College offers a number of benefits to Fellows, including an annual research allowance (currently £800 p.a.). All Fellows have either a shared or sole use office in the College with a computer, and access to all College facilities, including the gym and car park. Fellows’ dining rights include seven meals per week without charge, and various other Feasts and dinners throughout the year. All meals, including Formal Hall which occurs at least once a week
in term time, are taken in the light and airy Dome, and are well attended by Fellows. The College has some Fellows’ accommodation available at advantageous rates in and around its main site. This is suitable for single Fellows or those with partners, and a waiting list operates when necessary.

The College
From its beginning in 1954, Murray Edwards (founded as New Hall) has always been modern, innovative, receptive to innovative ideas and open to outstanding women from all backgrounds and from across the world. The distinctiveness of the College comes from the special focus on young women’s learning and preparation for life and work. There has long been a mixed Fellowship (around 60% female, 40% male) which currently numbers around sixty-five, who work together in an informal, welcoming environment around ten minutes’ walk from the centre of town and close to the West Cambridge site. There is also have a large postdoctoral and Bye Fellowship community. Well known for our gardens and The Women’s Art Collection, the College is home to around 380 undergraduates and about 190 postgraduates.

Application and Selection Procedure
Application letters including a curriculum vitae and statement outlining interest and plans for the position should reach the College Administrator (Ms Sarah Greaves – sarah.greaves@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk) by noon on Friday 7 June 2024; candidates should also arrange for three confidential references to reach the College Administrator by the same date. Informal enquiries can be made to the Senior Tutor (senior.tutor@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk)

At the interview, shortlisted candidates will be required to give a short presentation on an area of their research.