College Lectureship and Fellowship in Spanish

Further Particulars

Murray Edwards College invites applications for a College Lectureship in Spanish from 1 October 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.

Murray Edwards College was founded as New Hall in 1954 for the purposes of educating women students. It has a community of around 380 undergraduates and 190 postgraduates, and a mixed Fellowship of about 70. The College has a continuous tradition of excellent teaching and research in Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics, with pioneering figures Dorothy Gabe Coleman and Lorna Close remembered in the titles of college funds to support these subject areas. The College admits an average of 4 students to read Spanish in a cohort of about 8 students studying Modern Languages every year. The successful candidate will join a supportive and committed group of fellows in MML. The students also form a strong community within the College and we benefit from contact with a diverse range of alumnae. Students and Fellows contribute to the Gabe Society, which organises events for the MMLL community.

The duties of the post-holder shall be as follows:

• To teach 12 hours per week (240 hours per year, excluding required preparation and marking) of supervisions (small-group teaching) to undergraduate students of Murray Edwards or (pursuant to reciprocal teaching arrangements) students of other colleges. The post-holder will be required to provide supervisions on the first-year course Introduction to the Language, Literatures and Cultures of the Spanish-speaking world to students of Murray Edwards students, and at least one of the scheduled papers in Spanish literature, culture and film in in each of parts IB and II of the MML Tripos to students from Murray Edwards and other colleges. For further information about the MML Tripos, see www.mml.cam.ac.uk.

• To undertake research of international standing within the area of the post-holder’s specialism.

• To participate in the Colleges’ outreach, recruitment, and admissions activities. Those activities include:
  – encouraging high-quality candidates to apply to Murray Edwards to read MMLL;
  – fielding admissions enquiries related to MMLL throughout the academic year;
  – conducting and attending Open Days in the College;
  – participating in outreach activities such as taster days, webinars, etc.
  – conducting undergraduate admissions interviews and participating in the inter-collegiate admissions pool.

• To act (when required to do so, and with additional remuneration at the College’s standard rate) as a Director of Studies for students in MML in the College. The duties of a Director of Studies are:
  – to make teaching arrangements for all students under their direction, including the appointing of supervisors;
  – to monitor and ensure the quality of teaching received by the students;
  – to communicate and meet with all students at regular intervals to discuss their studies;
  – to pass on to students all relevant course information received from the Faculty of MMLL;
  – to organise, oversee, and conduct undergraduate admissions interviews;
– to ensure all students are entered for the appropriate University examinations;
– to attend inter-collegiate meetings of the Directors of Studies in MMLL;
– to keep up to date with changes in Faculty courses and policy.

• To liaise regularly with other MMLL Fellows in both Colleges on the organisation and progress of teaching and research.
• To join other MMLL Fellows in participating in such alumnae-oriented events as are occasionally organised by the College.

Murray Edwards College is committed to supporting Fellows’ research; Fellows can apply for up to £800 a year to support research expenses.

The successful candidate:
• will be educated to degree level;
• will have completed or to be very close to completing a PhD degree in a relevant field of the literature and culture of the Spanish-speaking world;
• will have an established record of excellent research in the culture of the Spanish-speaking world;
• will have experience of or be able to demonstrate a commitment to undergraduate teaching.

We will welcome applications from applicants of any gender.

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. Accommodation at advantageous rates may be available.

Application letters including a curriculum vitae and statement outlining interest and plans for the position should reach the College Administrator (Ms Sarah Greaves) by noon on Monday 10 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 Dr Charlotte Lee. Interviews are expected to take place during the week commencing 24 June 2024.