MURRAY EDWARDS COLLEGE

Fixed Term (3 years) College Lectureship and Fellowship in Spanish,
held in association with Peterhouse

Further Particulars

Murray Edwards College invites applications for a fixed-term (three years) College Lectureship in Spanish from 1 September 2020. This post will be in association with Peterhouse. The person appointed will be elected to an Official Fellowship of Murray Edwards College for this period.

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 sixty. The College admits around 12 students to read Spanish every year. The students form a strong community within the College.

Peterhouse was founded in 1284, making it the oldest College in the University. We have a membership of around 280 undergraduates, 200 postgraduates and a Fellowship of 35, and our smaller size makes for a close-knit community. The College would normally admit 2 students a year who read Spanish, within a wider Modern Languages cohort of about 4. As at Murray Edwards, our students’ academic performance has been very good in recent years, and has been supported by an active Modern Languages Society.

The person appointed will be expected to teach (‘supervise’) undergraduates for nine hours per week for the twenty teaching weeks of the year, and will direct studies for students taking Spanish in both Colleges (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 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 Spanish within the Colleges and more broadly, for example through outreach activities.

We will welcome applications from male or female applicants with a Ph.D. in Spanish and an excellent track record in research and publication. 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 topics that form part of the Spanish Tripos would be a distinct advantage.

The appointment will be made at spine point 42 (currently £33,797).

The person appointed will be elected to an Official Fellowship at Murray Edwards College, co-terminous 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 of up to £800 p.a., and 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 – sarah.greaves@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk) by noon on Friday 3 January 2020; 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 (Dr Kate Peters – kate.peters@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk).