

College Assistant Professor (College Lecturer) in French: Further Particulars

St Catharine's College in the University of Cambridge seeks to appoint a College Assistant Professor (College Lecturer) in French, tenable from 1st September 2022. The position is tenable to the retirement age subject to a probationary period of five years. The salary will be at a point within Grade 9 of the University of Cambridge pay spine, according to experience. (currently £42,149 - £53,348.) The successful candidate will normally be elected to an Official Fellowship of the College, which carries a range of benefits and responsibilities. The post will be fully pensionable. The holder shall be entitled to apply for sabbatical leave in line with current University conditions and entitlement for such leave.

Duties of the Post-holder

1. To organize and teach twelve hours per week (240 hours per year, excluding required preparation and marking) of seminars, supervisions (small-group teaching), or classes to undergraduate students of French within the College in accordance with the requirements for the University degree in Modern and Medieval Languages (MML, HML, MML with AMES, MML with Classics, etc.). The successful candidate will be able to teach the second- and fourth-year Tripos papers which most closely relate to their research specialism and in addition will be able to cover all of the College-level teaching required for compulsory first-year, second-year, third-year and fourth-year Tripos papers in French language and French/Francophone culture: these currently include FR1 Introduction to French Texts, Dissertations and Year Abroad Projects (including the Translation Project), and the advanced-level French Text and Culture. First- and second-year language teaching will normally be taught by a French *lecteur/lectrice*, but the post-holder will be responsible for securing these arrangements. Teaching and research expertise in Francophone Literature and Culture, together with an ability to contribute towards the supervision of students for one or more of the Faculty's comparative papers, would be an advantage. Any supervision hours taught in excess of 240 per year will be paid at the standard supervision rate, and hours supervised for other colleges in the University will count towards the required stint. (For further information about Faculty Tripos papers, see www.mml.cam.ac.uk.)
2. To undertake research of international standing within the area of the post-holder's specialism and to present and publish the results of that research at intervals consistent with the requirements of the national Research Excellence Framework or similar research assessment exercises.
3. To act as the Director of Studies for students in all languages and at all levels of the MML, HML and Linguistics Triposes in College. Direction of Studies will normally be shared with the other Modern Languages staff in the College, and is separately remunerated. The duties of a Director of Studies are: to make full 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 Faculties; to organize, oversee, and conduct undergraduate admissions interviews; to advise and assist students in making arrangements for the compulsory Year Abroad and to liaise actively with the students who are abroad; to ensure all students are entered for the appropriate University Examinations; to report annually to the Governing Body on the progress of students; to assist the Master in the initial selection of Research Fellows in the area of MML, and the Postgraduate Tutors in the admission of postgraduate students; to entertain undergraduate and postgraduate students in MML on a termly basis.

4. To conduct admissions interviews for candidates in French and *ab initio* languages and to act as second interviewer for admissions interview in other languages; to provide feedback to the interviewed candidates; to field admissions enquiries related to French throughout the academic year; to conduct and attend Open Days both for prospective MMLL/HML candidates and for schoolteachers; to produce and update admissions information for candidates and schools.
5. To ensure that the College Library is well stocked with all of the texts and films, including selected secondary works, which are essential for students of all levels and all languages satisfactorily to complete their studies; to make regular book orders as necessary to maintain the Library's collection in MMLL.
6. To organize and run a fortnightly seminar on Critical Theory for undergraduates in MML, HML and other subjects in combination with MML.
7. To liaise regularly with other MMLL staff in College, including the *lecteur/lectrice*, on the organization and progress of teaching and research.
8. To undertake College administrative duties as required by the Governing Body (attending College Meetings, chairing and serving on committees, etc.)
9. To select and appoint (by conducting interviews in Paris or elsewhere) a College *lecteur/lectrice* in French each year (currently in collaboration with Robinson College); to instruct the *lecteur/lectrice* in their duties, introduce them to College life, and oversee their work.
10. To attend, if invited, meetings of the French Section in the MMLL Faculty and other Faculty meetings; to maintain good relations with the Section and Faculty; and to keep up to date with changes in Faculty courses and policy for the teaching of French and Modern Languages.
11. To give, if invited by the Faculty, lectures and/or language classes in the University, with remuneration at the appropriate rate; and to participate in the University examinations process if invited (with remuneration).
12. To supervise M.Phil. and/or Ph.D. students if invited by the Faculty (with standard remuneration provided by the University).
13. In collaboration with other MMLL staff in College, to act as Chair and/or Secretary on a rotating basis of the annual meeting of College Teaching Fellows in MML (including all attendant duties such as the co-ordination of College Pool arrangements in MML) when it is the turn of St Catharine's College to host this meeting.
14. To foster and promote at all times excellence in teaching and research and in the study environment for MMLL students and staff in the College.

If elected to an Official Fellowship, as expected, the successful candidate will be entitled to seven free meals per week and to free [subject to any HMRC tax assessment] single accommodation in College-owned property. For a Fellow not living in College accommodation, a teaching office will be provided (this may be shared with another Fellow). Fellows may apply to College funds to support their research (including the purchase of books) and for the purchase of computing equipment.

As of 1 September 2022, staff in MMLL at St Catharine's College include: Prof. Geoffrey Kantaris (Professor of Latin American Culture); Prof. Abigail Brundin (Professor of Italian, specialist in Sixteenth-Century Italian literature and culture, currently on secondment to the British School in Rome); Dr Rebecca Fell (College Assistant Teaching Officer in Modern Spanish, shared with Churchill College, specialist in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Spanish Literature).

Applications and Selection Procedure

Candidates should submit applications online at:

https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/cathfrench.aspx and should include a covering letter, a full curriculum vitae, a copy of a recently published article or portion of a book or thesis (not to exceed 12,000 words), by **Monday 18 April 2022**.

Three persons acquainted with the candidate's teaching and research should be asked by the candidate to submit references to the same address by the same date.

Shortlisted candidates will be informed of their continued candidature by 25 April, and interviews will be held on **Tuesday 3 May**.

As part of their interview, shortlisted candidates will be asked to give a short presentation of an aspect of their research that would be of interest to advanced undergraduates and/or Masters' students. Informal enquiries may be made to Prof. Geoffrey Kantaris (egk10@cam.ac.uk).