St Hugh’s College, Oxford

Stipendiary Lectureship in English

St Hugh’s College proposes to appoint a six-hour Stipendiary Lecturer in English, specialising in the modern and/or Victorian period, with effect from 1 October 2018 until 30 September 2020. This appointment is to fulfil teaching needs arising from a period of research leave granted to a current post-holder, and is non-renewable.

The College

St Hugh’s College was founded in 1886 as a women’s college and became fully mixed in 1986. From its beautiful site in North Oxford, St Hugh’s promotes a thriving culture of research and intellectual engagement. The College has some 430 undergraduates and around 400 graduates, a fellowship of 68, 30 college lecturers, and a non-academic staff of 90.

St Hugh’s has two Tutorial Fellows in English: Professor Peter D. McDonald (who will be on partial leave from October 2018 to September 2020) and Dr Nicholas Perkins. In addition, the College currently has a Departmental Lecturer in eighteenth-century English Literature, Dr Susan Valladares. Further information on the Fellows and Lecturers of St Hugh’s can be found at www.st-hughs.ox.ac.uk/people/academic-staff.

The College aims to admit ten undergraduates per year for the single honours degree in English and the Joint Schools with English. Further information about St Hugh’s College can be found at www.st-hughs.ox.ac.uk.

The Role

The Lecturer will be expected to teach undergraduates (in tutorials and classes) for six hours each week averaged over the three terms (twenty-four weeks) of each academic year.

The Lecturer will be expected to have teaching experience relevant to the ‘Approaches to Language’ and/or ‘Approaches to Literature’ parts of Prelims Paper 1; to Prelims Paper 3: Literature in English 1830-1910; and to Prelims Paper 4: Literature in English 1910-present, in order to give tutorials and classes in these areas. The Lecturer will also be expected to teach dissertation topics that relate to their areas of interest, under Final Honours School Paper 7.

In addition, the Lecturer will be expected to play a full role in the running of English and its joint schools in the College, including arranging tuition, participating fully in the admissions process, setting and marking college examinations (‘collections’), and assisting with the pastoral care of undergraduates.

Details of the English courses can be found at www.english.ox.ac.uk/prospective-undergraduates.
Selection Criteria

The successful candidate will:

a) Have completed, or be about to complete, a doctorate in English Literature in a topic relevant to the teaching range required of this post-holder.

b) Have a record of teaching experience relevant to the papers listed above.

c) Be an effective and inspiring teacher of literature in English, particularly to undergraduates of high ability in a tutorial system.

d) Be able to discharge competently the full range of academic administrative duties, besides teaching, upon which the effective operation of English as a subject within the College depends.

e) Be willing to contribute to the work of the team of academic staff in English at St Hugh’s College, including undertaking admissions training if necessary.

Salary and Benefits

The annual stipend for the post will be on a scale currently starting at £13,248 per annum and will be pensionable. A teaching room will be provided, although this is unlikely to be for the Lecturer’s exclusive use. Lecturers at St Hugh’s College are eligible to become part of the Universities Superannuation Scheme. In addition, the Lecturer will be a member of the Senior Common Room in St Hugh’s, and will be entitled to three meals per week during weeks 0 to 9 of each term free of charge; further meals may be booked at the Lecturer’s expense.

Application Procedure

Those wishing to apply for this post should submit a brief curriculum vitae (including a publications list and the names of two referees) together with a statement of their teaching experience and range in relation to the areas outlined above. Applicants should also ask their referees to write directly to the College Office by the closing date. The selection committee takes this opportunity to thank in advance all referees.

Applications should be submitted (preferably in electronic format), addressed to the Deputy Academic Registrar (Mrs Jane Hall), to the College Office, St Hugh’s College, Oxford, OX2 6LE (college.office@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk) by Noon on Friday 23 February 2018. Interviews will be held on Monday 12 March. The recommendation of the selection committee will then need to be approved by the College’s Governing Body before a formal offer is made.

The appointment will be conditional on verification of the successful candidate’s availability for employment in the UK. Applicants who would need a work visa if appointed should note that under the UK’s points-based migration system, the salary for this post is less than £20,500. Further information is available at www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk/.

Candidates are also asked to complete a copy of an equal opportunities form, available from www.st-hughs.ox.ac.uk/vacancies and return it to the HR Office, either by post to St Hugh’s College, or by email to hr@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk. This form is used for monitoring purposes only and will not be seen by any member of the selection committee.

Queries about the post may be addressed in the first instance to the Senior Tutor, Professor Roy Westbrook (roy.westbrook@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk; 01865 274917).

St Hugh’s College, Oxford is an equal opportunities employer.