

Fixed-term, Full-time Research Lecturership in History (Modern and Contemporary): Further Particulars

Trinity College invites applications for a fixed-term Research Lecturership in Modern and Contemporary History, from 1st September 2022 to 31st December 2023. This post is intended to provide both an opportunity to undertake high-quality research, and to cover the College and Faculty teaching needs arising from a period of leave being taken by the College's Fellow and Tutor in Modern History, Professor James McDougall. Applications are invited from scholars with active research and teaching interests in nineteenth and twentieth century history, with a strong preference for applicants with interests in the modern history of the Middle East and North Africa. The Lecturer will be required to give tutorials, lectures, classes and supervision at undergraduate and possibly at graduate (PGT) level, to engage in examining and administrative work, and to engage in advanced study and original research in modern history.

The successful candidate will hold a doctorate in a relevant field. They will have a strong research record and a record of successful teaching within the field, the ability to teach and lecture at an appropriate level in an interesting and engaging manner for both undergraduate and graduate students, and a willingness to undertake examining and administrative duties. For this post, the College will be the primary employer; the role also comprises some teaching, administrative and examining duties, and the possibility of a contribution to postgraduate master's teaching, for the History Faculty.

History at Trinity College

Trinity College admits around seven undergraduate students a year to read History or one of the joint schools with History (History & Politics, History & Modern Languages, Ancient & Modern History). Graduates are regularly admitted for taught Masters or research degrees in history. For full information about the College, see the College website: www.trinity.ox.ac.uk.

Research requirements

Applicants must have completed a relevant doctorate by the start of the post (1st September 2022). As a Research Lecturer, they must engage in original, independent research of a high standard, and have identified a research project to pursue over the time of the appointment. They must have one or more publications (either published or forthcoming) demonstrating strong research expertise or potential in the field, appropriate to their career stage.

Teaching requirements

The Research Lecturer will play a key part in the organisation of History and the History side of the relevant joint schools, collaborating with the College's other tutors in History and in Ancient History, Modern Languages, and Politics.

The core requirements for teaching under this Lecturership are as follows:

The appointee will be required to teach at least one of the methodology papers for the first year undergraduate course (either one or more sections of the 'Approaches to History' paper, or a Foreign Text paper), and one or two outline papers in 'European and World History' in the nineteenth and/or twentieth centuries for first year and/or second year undergraduates. These are likely to be: EWP4 ('Society, nation and empire 1815-1914') for first-year UG students (Preliminary Examination); EWF11 (Global and Imperial History, 1750-1930), EWF13 (Europe Divided, 1914-1989), or EWF14 (The Global 20th Century, 1930-2003) for second-year UG students (Final Honour School). They might also supervise final year undergraduate theses in their area of expertise. The ability to contribute to the organisation, teaching, and examining of FS21, 'The Middle East in the Age of Empire, 1830-1971' (co-taught with Prof. Eugene Rogan, St Antony's) for second-year undergraduates, is strongly preferred. The appointee might be asked to contribute to class and/or tutorial teaching for OS19, '1919: Remaking the world'. Overviews of these papers are available here. The postholder is likely to be given the opportunity to contribute to teaching at Master's level.

Duties of the Research Lecturer

- To teach eight weighted hours per week, averaged across the three eight-week terms for which teaching
 is required. (The weighting system means that actual contact hours may be somewhat lower where the
 teaching is of pairs or larger groups. Teaching a pair for one hour counts as 1.25 weighted hours, teaching
 a group of three counts as 1.5 hours, a group of four counts as 1.75 hours, a group of five or more counts
 as two hours.)
- To act as Director of Studies for one year-group of undergraduates studying History and joint schools.
- To participate in the undergraduate admissions exercise for History and joint schools (November-December in each year of the appointment).
- To undertake other duties connected with the administration of History in the College, such as liaising with other tutors, taking part in College Open Days, setting and marking collections (internal College examinations), participating in the College's outreach and access-related activities, and recommending books for purchase by the College library.
- To undertake independent research in History and publish the findings; this should be at a level such that the Research Lecturer would be eligible for inclusion in a future research assessment process such as REF.

Selection criteria

The successful applicant will meet the following criteria.

Essential criteria

(1) Research

- Possess a strong educational record, having completed a doctorate by 1 September 2022
- Possess a high level of research ability as an early-career independent researcher
- Have a strong proposed research programme for the duration of the Research Lecturership
- Have one or more publications (either published or forthcoming) demonstrating established research expertise and/or potential in the field, appropriate to their career stage

(2) Teaching

- The ability and willingness to provide the core teaching required, as outlined above
- The ability and willingness to undertake the organisational aspect of the post, and the other associated duties specified above

Desirable criteria

(1) Research

• The ability to communicate well about their subject to both specialists and non-specialist academic audiences

(2) Teaching

- The ability to teach other papers in History, beyond the core requirements
- Experience of teaching in the relevant subject areas

Remuneration and other entitlements

Salary: The starting salary is at point 27 on the HE single pay spine (currently £31,406), rising to point 28 (currently £32,344) on this scale in year two of the appointment.

- *Place of work*: The Research Lecturer is expected to work in appropriate premises belonging to Trinity College throughout the tenure of the post. They will be entitled to shared use of a suitable teaching room in College.
- Dining Rights: The Research Lecturer will be entitled to 5 lunches and 3 dinners a week free of charge at the Common Table (SCR) during term and vacation, except when the kitchens are closed.
- Membership of the Senior Common Room (SCR): Provided free of charge.
- Research allowance: There is an allowance of up to £800 p.a. to cover research expenses not obtainable from other sources.
- *Pension*: The person appointed will be eligible to join USS.

Please note that this post does not carry a housing allowance, and no College accommodation would be available.

Right to work

The appointment will be subject to the provision of proof of the right to work in the UK.

How to apply

Candidates should submit the following documents by email (in PDF format) to the Academic Administrator, Trinity College (academic.administrator@trinity.ox.ac.uk) by 12 noon (UK time) on Monday 6th June 2022. They must comprise:

- a short covering letter indicating how the candidate would meet the criteria set out for the post, and detailing their current and proposed scholarly research
- a list of the papers they would be able and willing to teach (see above, 'Teaching requirements')
- an academic CV, including details of teaching experience and research publications
- the names and contact details (with email addresses) of two referees, one of whom might be a recent research supervisor or external examiner. It is the responsibility of candidates to ensure that both referees send their references by email directly to the Academic Administrator before the closing date of Monday 6th June.

Interviews will be held on **Monday 11th July 2022.** Shortlisted candidates may be requested to submit a sample of published work or an extract from a doctoral thesis.

Reasonable interview expenses will be reimbursed (including overnight accommodation, if required, and travel from within the UK to Oxford) if interviews are held in person. Candidates will be offered the option of an online interview.