



## Magdalen College, Oxford

### Stipendiary Lecturership in History

Applications are invited for a full-time fixed-term Stipendiary Lecturership in History, tenable for nine months from 1 January 2023. The position has arisen to provide cover for the leave of absence of Magdalen Tutorial Fellows in History during the academic year 2022-23. The successful candidate will be required to teach in one of two fields – Modern British History or Modern European History. Applicants should hold, or be close to completion of, a doctoral degree. See section 3 below for details of the selection criteria for the post; details of the application procedure are given in section 6.

#### 1. Magdalen College

Magdalen College was founded in 1458 by William Waynflete, Bishop of Winchester, and Lord Chancellor, on the site of the Hospital of St John, just outside Oxford's East Gate, near the centre of the modern city. Magdalen has many traditions, but enjoys a modern and progressive outlook. Its top priority is academic excellence, and it is committed to the tutorial system as a supportive and intellectually challenging method for undergraduate teaching.

Magdalen College has a strong tradition in the Humanities, with sixteen Tutorial Fellows across the fields of Classics & Ancient History, English, History, Modern Languages, Music, and Philosophy, including four in History (Professor John Nightingale, Professor Nick Stargardt, Professor Siân Pooley, and Professor Avi Lifschitz). The College prides itself not just on academic excellence, but on the welfare provision it offers its students, Magdalen's staff now including a College Counsellor and a College Mentor for Students, among many others with welfare responsibilities.

The College currently admits about 12 undergraduates each year to read for the Honour School of History, and about 5 to read for the Honour Schools of Ancient & Modern History, History & Modern Languages, and History & Politics.

For more information please visit: [www.magd.ox.ac.uk](http://www.magd.ox.ac.uk).

#### 2. Duties of the Post

During Full Term (each of Oxford's three Full Terms of the year is eight weeks long) the Lecturer will be required to provide on average eight contact hours of teaching per week for undergraduates reading the above Honour Schools. Information about the Prelims and FHS papers in Modern British History and Modern European History, and about the courses in History more generally, is available here: [www.history.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions](http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions).

The Lecturer would be asked to contribute to the teaching of the first-year paper 'Approaches to History' (one of the following sub-areas: Anthropology, Archaeology, Art History, Economics, Gender, Sociology, and Race) and the Final Honour School paper 'Disciplines of History' (which is co-taught in classes), and to supervise undergraduate theses where they fall

within their areas of knowledge.

The Lecturer should also be able to teach a selection of papers from one of the following two areas:

### **A: Modern British History**

#### First-Year Preliminary Examination:

Optional subject 15: The New Woman in Britain and Ireland, c.1880-1920

#### Final Honour School:

History of the British Isles 6: Power, Politics and the People, 1815-1924

History of the British Isles 7: Changing Identities, 1900-present

History of the British Isles Theme Paper a: Bodies of Feeling: Gender and Sexual Identity since c.1500

It might also be possible to contribute to the teaching of one or more of the Final Honour School Further Subjects: see [www.history.ox.ac.uk/ba-history](http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/ba-history) for details of papers.

### **B: Modern European History**

#### First-Year Preliminary Examination:

Europe and the Wider World 4: Europe (1815-1914)

German Foreign Text Paper: Meinecke and Kehr

Optional Subject 21: Living with the Enemy: the Experience of the Second World War in Europe

It would be helpful if the Lecturer could contribute to teaching the Approaches to History Paper (for the first-year Preliminary Examination) and the Disciplines of History Paper (for the Final Honour School). See [www.history.ox.ac.uk/ba-history](http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/ba-history) for details of other papers.

The Lecturer will be expected to play a part in the normal pastoral and administrative duties associated with History in the College, including internal College examinations.

### **3. Selection Criteria**

The selection criteria for this post are:

- i. Education and training at first-degree and postgraduate level in History.
- ii. Relevant teaching experience at undergraduate level.
- iii. Evidence of an ability to provide a high standard of tutorial teaching in one of the appropriate areas of History, and of an ability to share effectively in the supervision of the undergraduates' academic studies.
- iv. Evidence that the candidate would be able to contribute well to the administrative work associated with the subject in the College.

Candidates should address these criteria in their applications, and ask their referees to do so in their references.

#### 4. Terms of Employment

The Lecturer will receive a salary on the scale £28,762 – £30,502 p.a. pro rata (scale points 23 to 25): two-thirds of the annual salary will be paid for the nine-month period 1 January 2023 to 30 September 2023.

The Lecturer will have the use of a teaching room in College until 30 June 2023, will be a member of the Senior Common Room, and will be entitled to lunches and dinners free of charge when the College kitchen is open, and to a small entertainment allowance.

The post carries an entitlement to join, or to remain a member of, the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS).

The College provides for maternity leave on a basis that exceeds the statutory provisions. Employees are eligible for 26 weeks' maternity leave on full pay, followed by 13 weeks of leave on Statutory Maternity Pay (SMP) and 13 weeks of unpaid maternity leave: this is a day one entitlement. Magdalen has a priority claim on a number of places in the University nurseries. Arrangements are available for paternity leave, shared parental leave, and adoption leave.

All reasonable interview expenses will be reimbursed. Following the offer of the position, appointment will be subject to (a) satisfactory completion of a medical questionnaire, and (b) provision of proof of the right to work in the UK.

#### 5. Equal Opportunities

Magdalen College is an equal opportunities employer. Further information can be obtained from the College website, at [www.magd.ox.ac.uk/equality](http://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/equality).

Applications are particularly welcome from women and from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford.

#### 6. Applications and Interviews

Applicants are asked to email a completed application, containing the cover sheet (including the names and addresses of two referees), a detailed letter, which sets out the papers the candidate could offer to teach for the College, and a full *curriculum vitae*, to Miss Liz Howdill, Academic Administrator ([liz.howdill@magd.ox.ac.uk](mailto:liz.howdill@magd.ox.ac.uk)), by noon on Monday 21 November 2022. **Applicants should ask referees to email their references directly to the Academic Administrator by the same deadline without further prompting.** It is expected that interviews will be held (via Microsoft Teams) in the afternoon of Monday 28 November 2022. Candidates who wish to approach a referee or referees only if they are being called for interview or are in receipt of a conditional offer are asked to state that explicitly alongside the details of the relevant referee(s) on the application cover sheet.

The first part of the interview is designed to test skills at teaching undergraduates. Short-listed candidates will be required to give a presentation for a **maximum** of 10 minutes as if to an audience of first-year undergraduates on a topic from an outline paper within their teaching range. No visual aids, such as PowerPoint slides, will be permitted in the presentation, which will be followed by questions from the panel. The remainder of the interview will include

questions about teaching and about other aspects of the position.

## **7. Recruitment Monitoring**

A Magdalen College Recruitment Monitoring Form will be found alongside a Word version of the application cover sheet for this post at the following page on the Magdalen College website:

[www.magd.ox.ac.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/job-vacancies).

Applicants are requested to complete the form and return it to Human Resources, Magdalen College, Oxford OX1 4AU (or by email to [human.resources@magd.ox.ac.uk](mailto:human.resources@magd.ox.ac.uk)). Please note that the form is anonymous and is used only to monitor and ensure equality of opportunity for all candidates: it is not part of the selection process and will not be seen by any member of the selection committee.

## **8. Data Protection**

All data supplied by applicants will be used only for the purposes of determining their suitability for the post, and will be held in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the College's Data Protection Policy, which can be found at [www.magd.ox.ac.uk/other-policies/data-protection/](http://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/other-policies/data-protection/).

