

THE REGIUS PROFESSORSHIP OF GREEK

FACULTY of CLASSICS

1 The Professorship

Background

The Regius Professorship of Greek was established in 1540, and to date has had 38 holders, including Richard Porson in the eighteenth century, Richard Jebb at the end of the nineteenth century, and A.C. Pearson, Sir Denys Page and Patricia Easterling in the twentieth century. The Professorship will fall vacant in October 2021 on the retirement of the present incumbent, Richard Hunter.

The Regius Professor of Greek is expected to take a leading role both in advancing research and pedagogy in Greek literature in Cambridge, and in promoting the whole field of Classics within the UK and Internationally.

Selection Criteria

Candidates will be considered for the Professorship on the basis of the following selection criteria, which they should address in their application.

- An outstanding research record of international stature in Greek literature.
- The vision, leadership experience and enthusiasm to build on current strengths in maintaining and developing a leading research presence, and an established record in attracting research grant support to further this development.
- The ability to further the academic planning and strategic development of Classics in the University and, where appropriate, to facilitate its development within the UK.
- The ability to manage and interact effectively with staff and students at all levels.
- An enthusiastic commitment to the recruitment, training and mentoring of the next generation of researchers, including undergraduates, research students, and postdoctoral research fellows.

2 The Faculty of Classics

Cambridge is one of the leading centres for the study of Classics in the world. Greek and Latin have been taught here for many centuries. The Cambridge Faculty today has an unsurpassed record of achievement in research in all the main areas of classical scholarship: Greek and Latin Language and Literature, Ancient Philosophy, Ancient History, Ancient Art and Archaeology, Classical Linguistics and Philology, and Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Ancient World. It emerged from both the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise and the 2014 Research Excellence Framework with the strongest research profile of any Classics department in the UK.

Teaching staff in established Faculty or College posts number around 35, together with substantial numbers of post-doctoral researchers and Junior Research Fellows, most of whom are also involved in undergraduate teaching. There are no formally constituted departments, but those working in each subject area are members of a 'caucus'. The Faculty is governed by a Faculty Board whose Chair is elected every three years.

The Faculty attracts graduate and undergraduate students of high ability and with strong commitment to the subject. There are over 90 registered graduate students, many from overseas. The annual intake of undergraduates reading for the Classical Tripos is currently between 80 and 90. Cambridge is also one of two universities in the UK whose education departments offer the PGCE in Classics.

The Faculty, which falls within the University's School of Arts and Humanities, is housed on Sidgwick Avenue, on a site which now contains most of the other arts faculties. The building contains the Museum of Classical Archaeology, the Faculty Library (an excellent specialised library of c. 70,000 items, to which all University Teaching Officers and graduates have 24 hour access), a computer room, offices and teaching rooms, and is very close to the University Library (a copyright deposit library).

As at January 2020, the University Teaching Officers with principal interests in the fields of Classical literature, in addition to Professor Hunter, are Dr. David Butterfield, Dr. Renaud Gagné, Dr. Ingo Gildenhard, Professor Simon Goldhill, Professor Emily Gowers, Dr. Rebecca Laemmle, Professor Stephen Oakley, Professor Tim Whitmarsh, and Dr. Christopher Whitton. There are three Senior Language Teaching Officers, Mr. Franco Basso, Dr. Rosanna Omitowaju, and Dr. Charles Weiss, who are all active in the teaching of Classical literature as are Dr. Neil Hopkinson and Dr. Helen van Noorden, who are College Teaching Officers, and Dr. Talitha Kearey, Dr. Max Leventhal, and Dr. Thomas Nelson, who hold College Junior Research Fellowships. In addition, the Faculty continues to benefit from the active contribution of a group of distinguished retired colleagues (Professor James Diggle, Professor Pat Easterling, Professor Philip Hardie, Professor John Henderson, Professor Michael Reeve).

3 Standard Duties

Teaching and research

The Professor will be required to deliver lectures and give instruction in Classics/Greek literature and in particular to perform the following duties:

- (i) to lecture, or hold classes, and to give at least 40 lectures or classes in all

- (ii) to undertake original work and the general supervision of research and advanced work in his/her subject and Faculty, and to assist students in their studies by supervision or informal instruction.

Examining

The Professor will be required to undertake such university examining as may be required by the relevant Faculty Board or comparable body.

Supervision

The Professor will be required to act as the supervisor of graduate students as and when requested.

Administration

Administrative duties are shared equitably among the teaching members of the Faculty. The Professors are expected to play significant roles from time to time on the Faculty Board and on Faculty Committees dealing with such matters as academic and other appointments, admission of graduate students, research and teaching assessments, the libraries and computing arrangements. They are also encouraged to accept appointment to University Committees.

4 The Colleges

The University, the Faculties and Departments, and the Colleges are linked in a complicated historical relationship that is mutually beneficial but not simple. Under the statutes of Trinity College, the Regius Professor of Greek is entitled (but not obliged) to become a Fellow of the College. However, the Professorship is not tied to the College: if the Professor does not wish to be a Fellow of Trinity, colleges other than Trinity may elect to a fellowship a new Regius Professor of Greek who comes from outside Cambridge, subject to standard guidelines for professorial elections; or a new Regius Professor of Greek who holds a Fellowship at another college may retain that association. The Regius Professor of Greek, whether or not a Fellow of Trinity, has certain privileges in Trinity.

Students (both graduate and undergraduate) are admitted by one of the 31 Colleges, although in the case of graduate students the Faculties and Departments determine admissions before the Colleges are involved. Almost all undergraduates, and many graduate students, live in a College. The teaching of undergraduate students is shared between the Colleges and the Faculties and Departments, with the Colleges arranging small group teaching (“supervision”) and the Departments providing lecturing, laboratory classes, and advanced supervisions. College teaching is remunerated separately from the University teaching, and appointment to a College is a separate matter from a University appointment. Membership of a College adds an important social and intellectual dimension for many of the academic staff. The Chair of the Faculty or senior colleagues can give more advice.

The generic guidance for newly-appointed University Officers seeking a College Fellowship is set out at:

<https://www.ois.cam.ac.uk/uto-scheme/guidance-for-applicants/view>

5 Procedure for Appointment

The appointment will be made by a Board of Electors, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor or his Deputy, with a membership which includes members of the Faculty, members of cognate Departments and external experts.

All applications will be acknowledged. The Board of Electors will decide how they wish to proceed towards making an election, which may include interviews and/or presentations. Short-listed candidates may be invited to visit the Faculty to give a seminar on their work and meet prospective colleagues in the course of the process.

Candidates will be informed of the progress of their applications as agreed by the Electors.

It is anticipated that the successful candidate will take up the appointment on 1 October 2021 or as soon as possible thereafter.

6 Enquiries and Applications

Informal enquiries about this Professorship may be directed to Professor Stephen Oakley, Kennedy Professor of Latin, at the following email address:
spo23@cam.ac.uk.

Further information on the University is available at the following address:
www.cam.ac.uk.

Applications, consisting of a letter of application together with a statement of current and future research plans, a curriculum vitae and a publications list, should be made online no later than **15 September 2020**.

If you are unable to apply online, please contact the Human Resources, University Offices, The Old Schools, Cambridge, CB2 1TT (email professorships@admin.cam.ac.uk).

GENERAL INFORMATION

All appointments to University Offices are subject to the Statutes and Ordinances of the University.

A Salary

Salary on appointment will be determined by the Vice-Chancellor at the appropriate point on the University's salary spine for grade 12, taking account of the criteria for the respective contribution band. Professorial salaries are reviewed periodically, on the basis of research, teaching and general contribution, by the Vice-Chancellor with the assistance of a small Advisory Committee.

There is a normal sabbatical entitlement of one term in seven on full pay, subject to the University regulations.

B Headship of the Department

Should a Professor be appointed to the Headship of a Department, a pensionable payment in addition to salary is made.

C Recruitment Incentive

The University has a scheme whereby a single recruitment incentive payment may be made on appointment at the Vice-Chancellor's discretion.

D Removal Expenses

If the person appointed is not resident in Cambridge, a contribution from University funds towards expenditure incurred in removal to Cambridge to take up a University office will be made.

E Consultancy Work

The University's policy on consultancy work is that consultancy arrangements must be entered into privately between the employee and the organisation concerned. The consultancy work must not interfere with the duties required of the officer under the officer's contract of employment with the University. Consultancy work is not covered by the University's insurances, even when the University has knowledge that such work is being done. The University must not be regarded as being directly or indirectly involved in any consultancy arrangement through the use of University letterheads, advice given or work done in the individual's capacity as an employee of the University. Individuals undertaking private or consultancy work are advised to take out personal insurance.

Alternatively, professional indemnity cover may be obtained by channelling private work through the University company Cambridge Enterprise Ltd. Anyone wishing to do so should, in the first instance, contact Cambridge Enterprise at www.enterprise.cam.ac.uk.

F Professorial Fellowships

As intimated in section 4 above, the great majority of Professors at Cambridge hold a professorial fellowship of a college. Although election to a fellowship is a matter for an individual college, the University takes active steps to draw to the attention of Heads of House the names of those Professors eligible for election. The Scheme for newly-appointed University Officers seeking a College Fellowship is set out at: <https://www.ois.cam.ac.uk/uto-scheme/guidance-for-applicants/view>

In seeking the views of referees, their permission will be sought for the release of their comments on the successful candidate if it were to be requested by the professorial fellowship electors of a college.

G Health screening on appointment to University Office and in the case of University Officers undertaking a change of duties

Offers of appointment made to prospective University officers whose work will fall within certain categories are conditional on the completion of a medical questionnaire and, if necessary, on a satisfactory health check by the Occupational Health Service.

Only the person elected will be asked to complete the questionnaire at the time of election.

H Family friendly policies and benefits

The University has a range of family friendly policies to aid employee's work-life balance including maternity, paternity and parental leave, flexible working and career break schemes. In addition, childcare vouchers, access to two nurseries and a holiday play scheme are available through the Childcare Office to help support University employees with childcare responsibilities. Further information can be found at:

<http://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/offices/hr/staff/benefits/family.html>

I Eligibility to work and reside in the UK

UK immigration procedures stipulate that an employer may not consider the appointment of any person unless they have seen evidence of their immigration status. Accordingly, shortlisted candidates, whatever their nationality, will be asked to provide such evidence at an appropriate stage in the recruitment procedure.

J Equal Opportunities Information

The University of Cambridge appoints solely on merit. No applicant for an appointment in the University, or member of staff once appointed, will be treated less favourably than another on the grounds of sex (including gender reassignment), marital or parental status, race, ethnic or national origin, colour, disability (including HIV status), sexual orientation, religion, age or socio-economic factors.

K Information if you have a Disability

The University welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities. Our recruitment and selection procedures follow best practice and comply with disability legislation.

The University is committed to ensuring that applicants with disabilities receive fair treatment throughout the recruitment process. Adjustments will be made, wherever reasonable to do so, to enable applicants to compete to the best of their ability and, if successful, to assist them during their employment. We encourage applicants to declare their disabilities in order that any special arrangements, particularly for the selection process, can be accommodated. Applicants or employees can declare a disability at any time.

Applicants wishing to discuss with or inform the University of any special arrangements connected with their disability can, at any point in the recruitment process, contact, Dr Gosia Wloszycka, who is responsible for the administration of the recruitment process for this position, by email on mw425@admin.cam.ac.uk