Graduate Teaching and Research Scholar in English (1700-1850)

Hours: 3-4 contact hours a week

Salary: The GTR Scholar will be paid for tutorial teaching and admissions at the hourly standard tuition rates as set by the Senior Tutors’ Committee.

Supervised by: The person appointed will join the English tutors at Oriel, who include Dr Kathryn Murphy and Dr Nicholas Gaskill, who are the college’s Fellows in English, and Dr Ayoush Lazikani and Dr Amanda Holton, who are lecturers.

Job Contribution: Oriel College intends to appoint a Graduate Teaching and Research (GTR) Scholar in English, commencing in January 2023, or as soon as possible thereafter. Teaching will fall in the period 1700-1850, including FHS Paper 5 (1760-1830) and contributions to FHS Paper 4 (1660-1760) and Prelims Paper 3 (1830-1910), and we invite applications from candidates whose research falls within the scope of this period.

Responsibilities:

To teach for the College for 3 to 4 contact hours per week in Literature in the period 1700-1850, and to pursue doctoral-level study in English, also in that area:

- To undertake teaching for 3 to 4 contact hours per week during term time to undergraduates at Oriel College. Teaching arrangements will be coordinated by the College tutors in English. Students should receive appropriate guidance for completing work in advance of tutorials and appropriate written feedback on written work submitted.
- The GTRS will be responsible for the teaching of FHS Paper 5 (1760-1830), and will contribute to teaching for FHS Paper 4 (1660-1760), and Prelims Paper 3 (1830-1910).
- To set and mark Collections (beginning of term internal College exams) as required, and to write end of term Tutorial Reports on the TMS system.
To play a part in the organisation of the subject within the College, and may be asked to take part in undergraduate admissions (normally Week 9 of Michaelmas Term). Admissions training will be provided.

To liaise with other College staff about addressing any pastoral problems which may arise with students.

Qualities, Experience and Qualifications

- By January 2023, applicants will have completed at least one year of postgraduate study and will have embarked on a course leading to a DPhil in English at the University of Oxford.
- Applicants will normally be expected to have passed the Transfer of Status procedures before January 2023.
- Applicants will be expected to have a strong research profile, appropriate to their stage.
- Applicants will be expected to demonstrate interest and ability in undergraduate teaching, and in mentoring and guiding students in their studies.
- Teaching experience would be an advantage.
- Teaching and research interests from among the areas listed under Duties above.

English at Oriel:

Oriel admits five undergraduates in English Language and Literature, and two or three in Joint Schools (Classics and English, and English and Modern Languages), each year. Undergraduates studying English at Oxford are taught in two ways: through lectures (organized by the Faculty of English) and through college tutorials and classes (arranged by College Tutors). Our students are typically very able, committed, and well-motivated, and tutors both introduce them to important literature, criticism, and concepts in their area of expertise, and encourage them in the development of their independent interests and research. Teaching in very small groups (a tutorial typically involves a tutor and two or three students) allows one to respond directly to students’ ideas, to tailor one’s teaching to the different interests and enthusiasms of individual students, and to develop the links between different elements of the course. Tutors at Oxford give tutorials both in the areas of their own research and in other areas that they are interested in and knowledgeable about, but that are not necessarily the focus of their current research. We are also keen to engage our students’ enthusiasm and curiosity beyond the immediate demands of the course, and to that end encourage reading groups and other forms of informal gathering and discussion.

Terms and Benefits:

The GTR Scholar will be paid for tutorial teaching and admissions at the hourly standard tuition rates as set by the Senior Tutors’ Committee. The Scholar will receive a single room free of charge in College owned accommodation for the period of the appointment or a stipend of £2,600 per annum if living outside College. They will also have access to a
research allocation of £451 per annum. In addition, the postholder will be a member of both the Oriel Senior Common Room and the Middle Common Room and will be entitled to 24 lunches or dinners per term.