

Stipendiary Lecturer of Ancient History (Greek and/or Roman) (12 Hours) – 14 month (4 Terms) fixed term position to provide cover for leave

Overview of the post

Oriel College, Jesus College and the Faculty of Classics are recruiting a Stipendiary Lecturer of Ancient History to commence at the start of Hilary Term 2026, for a fixed term of 14 months from 18th January 2026 to 20th March 2027 inclusive.

The area of specialisation for this post is 'Greek and/or Roman History', broadly conceived. The successful candidate will have teaching competence across a wide range of the Ancient History papers taught in the four undergraduate degrees of Literae Humaniores, Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES), Classical Archaeology and Ancient History (CAAH), and Ancient and Modern History (AMH), which are traditionally and for convenience divided for the most part into 'Greek' and 'Roman' courses. Examples of popular papers include, on the Greek side: Greek History 650-479 BC; Greek History 478-404 BC; Greek History 403-336 BC; Athenian Democracy; Alexander the Great and his Early Successors; The Hellenistic World. Popular papers in Roman history include: Roman History 241-146 BC; Roman History 146-46 BC; Roman History 46 BC – AD 54; Cicero: Politics and Thought in the Late Republic; Politics, Society, and Culture from Nero to Hadrian. Outside the Greco-Roman binary sit papers such as Religions in the Greek and Roman World (c. 31 BC – AD 312); The Achaemenid Empire, 550-330 BC; and a team-taught paper on Sexuality and Gender in Greece and Rome that attracts a large number of students every year.

Further details of these courses are available at <http://www.classics.ox.ac.uk/>. It is important to note that the core Ancient History period papers, which account for a high proportion of the teaching, are 'text based': the students are expected to undertake detailed study of the set texts with their tutors in the original language, and the examinations contain translation and commentary exercises.

For Oriel College, the post-holder will be required to give five hours of tutorial teaching each week during term time (averaged over the year). The post-holder will share with the other tutors of the College responsibility for organisation of the tuition and pastoral care of students studying Literae Humaniores, Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, and Ancient and Modern History. The post-holder will take sole responsibility as Main Organising Tutor for organising the tuition and pastoral care of students studying Classical Archaeology and Ancient History. The post-holder will also be responsible for setting and marking relevant College examinations or 'collections'; recommending books for the College library; participating in the undergraduate admissions processes; engaging in outreach and access initiatives, including College open days; attending formal celebrations such as Matriculation and Schools dinners (for students who are just beginning their course or have just completed their final examinations).

For Jesus College, the post-holder will be required to give three hours of tutorial teaching each week during term time (averaged over the year); to share with the other Classics tutors of the College the organisation of tuition of students, with particular attention to those taking Ancient History options; to set and mark relevant examinations and collections; to recommend books for the College library; and to be prepared to participate in the admissions process and in formal celebrations such as Schools dinners.

For the Faculty of Classics, the post-holder will be required to provide up to 16 lectures in each academic year, and participate in other faculty duties as outlined below.

Duties of the post

The main duties of the post are as follows:

- i. To provide five and three unweighted tutorial hours of teaching per week for Oriel and Jesus Colleges respectively over the three 8-week terms which constitute the academic teaching year. Tutorial teaching is teaching in small groups, usually of 2 or 3 students.
- ii. To share pastoral duties and participate in the organisation of the teaching of Literae Humaniores, Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Ancient and Modern History, and Classical Archaeology and Ancient History in Oriel College.
- iii. To share with the other Classics tutors of the College the organisation of tuition of students, with particular attention to those taking Ancient History options in Jesus College.
- iv. To participate in the annual Undergraduate Admissions process for the selection of undergraduates who wish to read Literae Humaniores, Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Ancient and Modern History, and Classical Archaeology and Ancient History at Oriel and Jesus Colleges.
- v. Under the direction of the Faculty Board of Classics, to give 16 lectures in the course of a year on topics in Ancient History, as directed by the Faculty; and supervise undergraduate students.
- vi. To organise specific areas of the syllabus as required.
- vii. To make an appropriate contribution to the supervision and teaching of graduate students.
- viii. To undertake undergraduate and postgraduate assessment and University examining in Ancient History as requested by the College or Faculty.
- ix. To participate in the administrative work of the Faculty of Classics under the direction of the Chair of the Faculty Board, and participate in Joint Sub-Faculty and Sub-Faculty meetings.

Benefits of the role:-

- i. The stipend will be at Grade 5 in the range £33,810 - £37,338 per annum and will be subject to inflationary increases.
- ii. A Main Organising Tutor allowance of £4,496.
- iii. Contributory membership of USS (the Universities Superannuation Scheme).
- iv. Access to a research allocation of £823 per annum.
- v. Entitlement to 10 meals (lunch and dinner) per week at the Common Table in the Senior Common Room at Oriel College (in term time and during the admissions period). Entitlement to one lunch and two dinners per week at Jesus College in weeks 0-9.
- vi. Access to a teaching room at Oriel College (also at Jesus College).
- vii. Senior Common Room membership at Oriel and Jesus Colleges.

Informal enquiries about the post should be directed in the first instance to:

Janet Quartly: academic.recruitment@oriel.ox.ac.uk

All enquiries will be treated in strict confidence and will not form part of the selection decision.

Selection criteria

Applications will be judged against the criteria that are set out below. You should ensure that your application shows clearly how your skills and experience meet these criteria.

The University and the colleges are committed to fairness, consistency and transparency in selection decisions. Members of selection committees will be aware of the principles of equality of opportunity, fair selection and the risks of bias. There will be both female and male committee members wherever possible.

- i. The completion of a doctorate in a relevant field (or a completed doctoral dissertation submitted for examination by the advertised closing date for this position).
- ii. Ability to carry out excellent undergraduate tutorial teaching in the topics described above.
- iii. Ability to give lectures and classes to undergraduates and graduates at the highest level in Ancient History.
- iv. Ability or potential to act as a graduate supervisor at the highest level.
- v. Ability or potential to undertake College and University administration and to co-operate in College and University affairs.
- vi. Ability or potential to undertake pastoral responsibilities for both undergraduate and graduate students.
- vii. A willingness to forge links with schools and to participate in access initiatives with a view to encouraging undergraduate applications from a wide range of educational backgrounds.

The selection committee recognises that candidates can contribute to these goals in many different ways and will use its professional judgment, based on the evidence available, to decide how successfully candidates could make such contributions, bearing in mind the needs of the Colleges and the Faculty as outlined above. It will take a particular interest in the likelihood that the candidate will produce teaching of a high standard.

Procedure for Application and Appointment

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should submit their application via Oriel College's website: -

<https://www.oriel.ox.ac.uk/vacancies/>,

using the online Application Form. Each application should include:

- your full contact details, including email, full postal addresses, and a telephone number;
- the names and contact details (postal and e-mail addresses and telephone number) of **two** referees who between them are qualified to comment on your research and teaching;
- a detailed statement explaining how you meet the selection criteria set out above, using examples of your skills and experience;
- a full *curriculum vitae* including a list of publications;

The closing date for applications is **midday on 24th November 2025**.

Should you have any queries about how to apply, please contact Janet Quartly, Academic Staff Officer at Oriel College (academic.recruitment@oriel.ox.ac.uk).

Shortlisted candidates

All shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview in Oxford. Further details of the selection process, will be sent to short-listed candidates in advance of the interviews.

It is expected that interviews will be held **early in December 2025**.

Short-listed candidates will be asked to ensure that their two referees send their references directly, in advance of the interview, by email, to academic.recruitment@oriel.ox.ac.uk.

The appointment will be subject to the agreement of the Governing Bodies of Oriel College, Jesus College and a representative of the Faculty of Classics.

Oriel College

Oriel is a friendly and attractive College located in the heart of Oxford. Founded in 1326 by King Edward II, it is one of the oldest colleges in Oxford. Oriel College is an independent self-governing institution. The student body at Oriel is made up of undergraduates and postgraduates studying a wide variety of courses in a broad range of subjects. The students come from all kinds of schools, backgrounds and countries, and the College is committed to selecting the best applicants, based on academic achievement and potential, irrespective of educational background, gender or ethnicity. For further information about Oriel College see www.oriel.ox.ac.uk.

Jesus College

Jesus College has a strong commitment to promoting and enabling education, learning, scholarship and research at the highest levels amongst its students and academic staff, whilst preserving an informal and friendly atmosphere. Founded in 1571 by Elizabeth I, the College is a self-governing educational charity. The College is located on an attractive historic site in the centre of Oxford, with excellent access to the Bodleian Library and other University libraries, the Science Area, and the University's department and faculty buildings. A centre adjacent to the College provides state-of-the-art teaching facilities and en-suite student accommodation. The College has two annexe sites elsewhere in the city to provide additional student accommodation.

For further information about Jesus College, see <https://www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/>.

The Faculty of Classics

OVERVIEW OF THE FACULTY

The Faculty of Classics explores the culture and history of the ancient Mediterranean world from the Bronze Age to the Rise of Islam (around 2000 BCE to 650 CE). This includes the study of the ancient Greek and Latin languages, and of literature and documents composed in either, and the histories, cultures and societies of those who used those languages, together with the histories, cultures and societies of those with whom such groups are closely historically or archaeologically associated, including the peoples of ancient Afroeurasia outside the Greek-speaking world and the Roman Empire.

The Classics Faculty comprises the two Sub-Faculties of Classical Languages and Literature and of Ancient History and Classical Archaeology, and benefits enormously from its institutional connections with neighbouring Faculties including History, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, and Theology and Religion as well as the School of Archaeology. It is the largest Classics Faculty in the world, with 57 permanent academic postholders, including 19 Ancient Historians. The Colleges employ a number of other people in this subject area on fixed-term or permanent contracts, and they are also members of the Faculty. Details of the Faculty's postholders and its other members are given under 'People' at: <http://www.classics.ox.ac.uk>

Since 2007, the Faculty has been based in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, which houses the Administrative Office, the Classical Art Research Centre, the Centre for Study of Ancient

Documents, a number of other research projects, Byzantine Studies, and some members of the academic staff; it also includes a common room, facilities for graduates, a lecture theatre and a number of seminar and teaching rooms. It stands conveniently close to our major libraries and museums, and acts as the focus for the Faculty's many lectures, seminars, outreach activities etc.

Like other Humanities Faculties in Oxford, the Classics Faculty is not departmentally organised at the undergraduate level. The colleges control and run undergraduate admissions, tutorial teaching and welfare. They admit about 120 undergraduates each year to read for Honour Moderations in Classics and the Honour School of Literae Humaniores ('Mods and Greats', a four year course), 24 each year for Classical Archaeology and Ancient History, about 25 each year for Ancient and Modern History, and a combined total of about 25 each year for Classics and English, Classics and Modern Languages and Classics and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. The Sub-Faculties and the Classics Faculty Board are responsible for devising the syllabus in the relevant areas for undergraduate courses, for appointing examiners, and for providing lectures and classes to complement the tutorials.

For further information about the Faculty of Classics, see <http://www.classics.ox.ac.uk>.

Pre-employment screening

The appointment of the successful candidate will be subject to appropriate pre-employment screening by the Colleges. This will include right-to-work, proof of identity, references and any other checks as applicable to the post.

Data Protection

Any data you supply will be held and processed in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998.