

THE AG LEVENTIS PROFESSORSHIP OF GREEK CULTURE

FACULTY OF CLASSICS

1 The Professorship

Background

The AG Leventis Professorship of Greek Culture was endowed in 2008 by the AG Leventis Foundation to promote advanced study of the cultural achievements of the Greeks before the Byzantine era (c.1000 BC to c. AD 300) and to disseminate the results of research in this field. Its first and current holder is Professor Paul Cartledge, who retires on 30 September 2014.

Selection Criteria

Candidates will be considered for the AG Leventis Professorship on the basis of the following selection criteria, which they are asked to address in their application.

- An outstanding research record of international stature within the broad field of ancient Greek culture, and a commitment to promoting wider awareness of Greek culture and its significance.
- The vision, leadership, experience and enthusiasm to build on current strengths in maintaining and developing a leading research presence in this field, including attracting research grants to support such development.
- The ability to further the academic planning and strategic development of the study of ancient Greek culture in the University and to play a leading role in the field nationally and internationally.
- A proven record of excellence in teaching at all levels.
- The ability to manage and interact with staff and students at all levels, and to contribute to the strategic development of the Faculty.
- A proper understanding of the place of ancient Greek culture within a Faculty of Classics devoted to the study of all aspects of the ancient world and its reception.

2 The Faculty of Classics

Cambridge is one of the world's leading centres for the study of Classics. 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 was awarded a 5* in the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise and emerged from the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise with the strongest research profile of any Classics department in the UK. The Faculty took part in the Subject Review process in February 2001 and achieved an aggregate score of '24', the maximum possible. Full information on all the Faculty's activities may be found at http://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/.

Teaching staff in established Faculty or College posts number around 40 together with about 15 post-doctoral Research Fellows, most of whom are also involved in undergraduate teaching. Those working in each subject area are members of an informal 'Caucus' which *inter alia* takes responsibility for the planning of teaching and research in that field. There are, however, no formally constituted Departments, or Heads of Department, in the Faculty, which is governed by a Faculty Board whose Chair is elected every two years. The Faculty attracts graduate and undergraduate students of very high ability and with strong commitment to the subject. There are approximately 100 registered graduate students at any one time, many from overseas. The annual intake of undergraduates reading for the Classical Tripos is currently between 80 and 90. Cambridge is also one of only two universities in the UK whose education department offers 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 also contains most of the other arts faculties. The building contains the Museum of Classical Archaeology, the Faculty Library (an excellent specialized library of c. 50,000 items, to which all University Teaching Officers have out-of-hours access), a computer room, offices and teaching rooms, and is very close to the University Library (a copyright deposit library).

Ancient Greek Culture in the Faculty of Classics

Aspects of ancient Greek culture are taught in all six of the Faculty's Caucuses, with lectures and classes offered at all levels in Greek language, literature, philosophy, history, art/archaeology and linguistics, as well as on subjects most naturally studied from an interdisciplinary perspective. The AG Leventis Professor of Greek Culture is expected to contribute to the work of one or more of the Caucuses and to take a leading role in co-ordinating and developing the teaching of ancient Greek culture within and across the relevant fields of study.

Undergraduate teaching

Undergraduates are offered teaching in Greek language and culture throughout their time in Cambridge. Those who take the Preliminary examination to Part IA of the Classics Tripos begin their study of Greek towards the end of the academic year (which is otherwise devoted principally to the teaching of Latin and Roman culture), but all those taking Parts 1A and IB are offered, in addition to their language work, courses in literature, philosophy, history, art/archaeology and linguistics, each with a major Greek component: Greek language and literature are compulsory at these levels (as are Latin language/ literature), and two other subjects are taken as options. At Part II, Greek topics are reflected in approximately half of the teaching offered collectively by the different Caucuses. Part II papers typically change every four or five years, with different University Teaching Officers taking the lead in designing new courses. Many students offer a dissertation instead of one of their Part II papers, supervised by one of the teaching staff. The AG Leventis Professor is expected to undertake teaching across a range of Prelim/Part 1A, Part 1B and Part II

courses, to take an appropriate share of thesis supervision, and from time to time to take responsibility for the development of new courses in his/her areas of expertise.

Graduate teaching and collaborative research activities

The Faculty offers a one-year M.Phil. degree, involving the preparation of three essays (or equivalent) and a thesis, with the overall emphasis on the development of research skills, and a Ph.D., for which at least three years of study are required. The AG Leventis Professor is expected to supervise MPhil and PhD students in appropriate subject areas, to play a leading role in at least one of the regular research seminars, and to make a full contribution to the Faculty's research culture through his/her research publications and the fostering of intellectual enquiry and endeavour at all levels. The Faculty is proud of its record in securing external grants for project research, in particular from the AHRC and Leverhulme Trust, and the AG Leventis Professor is expected to play a full part in seeking and securing outside funding throughout his/her tenure.

A full survey of current teaching can be found in the Faculty Handbook, available on the Faculty's website: http://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/current-students/faculty_bandbook/

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3 Standard Duties

Teaching and research

The Professor will be required to deliver lectures and give instruction in aspects of Ancient Greek culture and in Greek language.

The teaching 'stint' is 40 hours per annum, comprising undergraduate lectures and classes and Masters level seminars. In addition the successful applicant will take a full part in undergraduate and graduate examining, in the recruitment and supervision of graduate students, and in the administration of the Faculty. The successful applicant will also take a leading role in the affairs of the Caucus in which the focus of his/her research activity most naturally falls.

Examining

The Professor is required to undertake such university examining as may be required by the Faculty Board.

Supervision

The Professor is required to act as the supervisor of graduate students and to play a leading role in their recruitment and training.

Administration

Administrative duties are shared equitably among the teaching officers of the Faculty. Professors are expected to play a significant role on the Faculty Board and on Faculty Committees dealing with academic and administrative matters. They are also encouraged to accept appointment to University Committees.

Outreach

The Faculty has a vigorous programme of outreach activities, to which all University Teaching Officers are expected to contribute. Professors are expected to help promote the profile of the Faculty at all levels.

4 The Colleges

The University, the Faculties and Departments, and the Colleges are linked in a historical relationship that is mutually beneficial but not simple. 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 or College-owned properties. 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/Faculties providing lecturing, laboratory classes, and advanced supervisions; the Faculty hopes all University Teaching Officers, including Professors, will contribute to College teaching. Most academic staff will also be invited to join a College as a teaching or professorial fellow. 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 Board or other senior colleagues can give more advice.

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 Faculties 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 2014 or as soon as possible thereafter.

6 Enquiries and Applications

Informal enquiries about this Professorship may be directed to Professor Geoffrey Horrocks, email: <u>gch1000@cam.ac.uk</u>

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

Applications, consisting of a letter of application together with a statement of current and future research plans, a curriculum vitae and a publications list, accompanied by form CHRIS/6 (parts 1 and 3 only, with details of three referees), should be sent to the Academic Secretary, University Offices, The Old Schools, Cambridge, CB2 1TT (email <u>ibise@admin.cam.ac.uk</u>), so as to arrive not later than **Friday 20 September 2013.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

A Salary

The base annual salary for a Professor is £65,435. In addition there are four Contribution Bands, each made up of six steps, taking the maximum professorial salary at the top of Band 4 to £132,860. Salary on appointment will be determined by the Vice-Chancellor. 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 <u>www.enterprise.cam.ac.uk</u>.

F Professorial Fellowships

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 bring to the attention of Heads of House the names of those Professors eligible for election. 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, Deborah Jones, who is responsible for the administration of the recruitment process for this position, by email on deborah.jones@admin.cam.ac.uk