



College Lectureship in German (part-time)

Further Particulars

St Peter's College and Hertford invites applications for a one-year, 6-hour College Lectureship in German for a period of one year (1 October 2025 to 30 September 2025) to provide teaching and organisational cover during Dr Joanna Neilly's sabbatical leave.

Applicants should have submitted, or be close to submitting, a doctoral dissertation in this subject. The position will be particularly suitable for an early career scholar seeking experience in college teaching and administration.

In the current academic year there are 10 undergraduates at St Peter's and 8 at Hertford reading for degrees involving German, including five in total currently on their Year Abroad. The postholder will work alongside a College lecturer (shared appointment with Hertford College) and the German Lektorin (shared appointment with four other colleges).

Full information about St Peter's College is available at www.spc.ox.ac.uk and information about Hertford College is available at www.hertford.ox.ac.uk.

1. General

The person appointed to the post will fulfil the role of organising tutor in German for the two Colleges and be expected to teach the equivalent of six hours of tutorials or classes for the two Colleges each week during term time, or the annualised equivalent of this amount, depending on variable demand across the academic year.

2. Duties

The appointee will be expected:

1. To hold organisational responsibility for the teaching of undergraduate German students in the two Colleges, keeping in close touch with the German Sub-Faculty and working in association with the Tutorial Fellows in Modern Languages, the College lecturer and the German Lektorin.
2. To plan and provide tutorial teaching for an average of six weighted hours¹ in each week of full term, teaching an appropriate selection of the following papers:
 - Prelims (first-year) Paper II: Translation from German
 - Prelims Paper III: Drama and Poetry²

¹ Under the College's weighting system for Stipendiary Lecturers, teaching hours are worked out on the basis of teaching students in pairs. Any hours spent teaching larger groups are counted as 1.2 hours, while any hours spent with individual students count as 0.8 hours.

² The prescribed dramas are: Frank Wedekind, *Frühlings Erwachen*; Bertolt Brecht, *Der gute Mensch von Sezuan*; Thomas Bernhard, *Heldenplatz*; Dea Loher, *Unschuld*. Poetry is a selection from a range of periods.

- Prelims Paper IV: Prose and Film³
- FHS (2nd & 4th year) Paper II: Translation from German
- FHS Paper VIII: Modern German Literature (1770 to the Present): Texts, Contexts and Issues (taught in 8 hour-long tutorials)
- Selected authors from FHS Paper X: Goethe; Hoffmann; Heine; Ebner-Eschenbach; Rilke; Kafka; Brecht; Bachmann; Jelinek; The Berlin School of film makers. The successful candidate would not be required to teach all of these authors, but approximately two or three from their broad area of expertise.
- Supervision of optional extended essays if appropriate to the successful candidate's research area (Paper XIV).

Further information about these papers can be found in the course handbooks (available on request).

3. To ensure that students receive timely feedback on their work during term, both week by week and in termly reports, and to set and mark internal examinations ('Collections').
4. To take part in College undergraduate admissions procedures in German including reading UCAS forms, marking written work samples, and interviewing.
5. To undertake academic administration (e.g. the planning and organisation of students' subject options; the endorsement of applications made by students for travel grants and other College assistance; the writing of references, the selection of books for the College Library etc.).
6. To undertake pastoral responsibilities in liaison with the Colleges' welfare teams as necessary.

A more detailed guide to tutorial responsibilities and other information will be communicated to the successful candidate by the Senior Tutor following appointment.

3. Selection Criteria

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate that they:

- (i) have completed or are about to complete a doctorate in German in a topic relevant to the course at Oxford.
- (ii) have experience in teaching German language and literature at a level that would enable them to teach Oxford undergraduates in the courses listed above.
- (iii) have the ability to be an effective and inspiring teacher of German, particularly to undergraduates of high ability in a tutorial system.
- (iv) have the potential to discharge willingly and competently the full range of academic administrative duties, besides teaching, upon which the effective operation of German as a subject within the two colleges depends.
- (v) have good communication and interpersonal skills, and would be able to contribute to the work of the team of academic staff in Modern Languages at St Peter's and Hertford.

³ The prescribed works are: Theodor Fontane, *Irrungen, Wirrungen*; Franz Kafka, *Die Verwandlung*; Elfriede Jelinek, *Die Liebhaberinnen*; Fatih Akin, *Aus dem Nichts*.

- (vi) would be prepared to undertake admissions training if necessary.

4. Remuneration and conditions

Term of appointment

The period of appointment will be from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026.

Remuneration and other conditions

Remuneration will be *pro rata* on the Senior Tutors Committee scale for Stipendiary Lecturers. The current (2024-25) rate for a 6-hour post is £16,569 to £18,308 pa (£1,381 to £1,526 per month). The appointee will have access to an entertainment allowance of £165 pa.

Pension scheme

The Lecturer will be automatically enrolled in the Universities Superannuation Scheme with effect from the start date of their employment; it is possible subsequently to opt out.

Senior Common Room

The successful candidate will be an associate member of the Senior Common Room and will be entitled to six free lunches or dinners per week at St Peter's in Full Term and two lunches per week during the vacation, provided the kitchens are open (they are occasionally closed for short periods, normally during the vacation). They will not be a member of the College's Governing Body.

The Lecturer will also be an associate member of Hertford's Senior Common Room, with an entitlement to free lunches while undertaking teaching duties in term time and during vacations, along with one dinner each week during term time (weeks 0–9) without cost.

College teaching rooms can be booked as necessary.

5. Application procedure

Candidates should send a letter of application, together with a curriculum vitae and the names and contact details of two referees electronically to academic.appointments@spc.ox.ac.uk (contact telephone 01865 278857) by **12noon on Wednesday 21 May 2025**. (There is no application form.) Candidates should ask their referees to write on their behalf to academic.appointments@spc.ox.ac.uk by the closing date.

Please include the words 'German Lectureship' in the subject line of all email correspondence.

It is expected that shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview on **Monday 9 June 2025**.

Informal queries can be addressed to Dr Joanna Neilly, Fellow and Tutor in German (joanna.neilly@spc.ox.ac.uk).

St Peter's is an equal opportunities employer. The appointment will be subject to the provision of proof of the right to work in the UK.

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