

## **King's College, Cambridge**

### **Bob Alexander Fellowship in Law**

#### **Further Particulars**

Duties. The duties of the Bob Alexander Fellow comprise undergraduate supervision (i.e. the provision of undergraduates' College teaching singly or in small groups) direction of studies in Law (i.e. the organising and overseeing of the teaching programme for undergraduates reading Law at King's); and participation in undergraduate admissions, in particular the interviewing of candidates in Law.

The Bob Alexander Fellow will be required to teach up to 200 hours in each academic year, i.e. an average rate of ten hours of supervision per week in Full Term, including 'exchange teaching' for other Colleges where appropriate. He or she will be expected to supervise in at least two fields. At least one of the fields offered by the candidate must be core: Civil (Roman), Constitutional, Criminal, Tort, Contract, Land, Equity or European Union Law; (for further information on the Cambridge Law Tripos, see [www.law.cam.ac.uk](http://www.law.cam.ac.uk)). He or she will be responsible for direction of studies and share with the Junior Research Fellow in International Law, and with such other Fellows in Law as may from time to time be appointed, in provision of College teaching for the Law Tripos according to their field of expertise.

Direction of Studies includes guiding undergraduates in their studies and offering advice and support beyond formal teaching, including appointment of supervisors, monitoring and securing delivery of high quality teaching, regular meetings with undergraduates to discuss and enhance progress, approval of examination entries, and timely communication of relevant information on course requirements and Faculty programme. Directors of Studies are also responsible for ensuring that the College Library is kept well stocked with books essential for the undergraduate programme. Admissions responsibilities focus on the interviewing and selection of candidates to read Law in the College in early December, but also extend to the provision of feedback to schools of candidates for admission, the fielding of enquiries through the year, and to availability to visitors on College Open Days.

The College puts considerable emphasis on the quality of the teaching it provides, and candidates should therefore have a particular interest in and skill at undergraduate teaching, as well as expertise and interest in research of international standing within his or her specialism/s. Besides presenting and publishing results of that research at intervals consistent with the requirements of national research assessment exercises (REF 2014 etc.), the Bob Alexander Fellow will also be expected to foster Law in the College in the round, engaging with graduates, seminars and other activities and events relating to the subject, and to take an active part in raising funds to support the teaching of Law in King's. King's has, for a variety of historic reasons, had fewer Fellows and undergraduates in Law than the run of comparable Colleges in Cambridge, but the College has in recent years been fully committed to teaching Law and the subject is currently consolidating at a total of around 20 undergraduates. King's numbers Lord Phillips, first President of the Supreme Court, among its Honorary Fellows and Eleanor (Leo) Sharpston, UK Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Communities, among its Emeritus Fellows.

Salary and Terms of Appointment. The stipend will be related to the Cambridge University Lecturer's scale commencing at £36,862.00.

Any fees earned by the Bob Alexander Fellow for the first 200 hours of supervision in an academic year will be retained by the College. Fees for supervision in excess of 200 hours will be paid to the Fellow at the current supervision rates. The appointment will be pensionable under the University's Superannuation Scheme.

The appointment is funded from the Bob Alexander Fund, which currently only has sufficient funds to support a fixed-term appointment. The appointment will be for a maximum of five years from 1 September 2012, the initial appointment being for three years with a possible two-year extension. The Bob Alexander Fellow will be entitled to apply for sabbatical leave in line with current College conditions and entitlement for such leave.

Fellowship. Fellows are full members of the Governing Body of the College, expected to attend and participate in Congregations, and to serve on college committees. They are entitled to meals free of charge when the kitchens are open.

A Fellow living alone may be offered accommodation in College, for which there are service and utility charges. Fellows who do not live in College may receive an allowance (currently £4000 for the first four years) towards their living costs or may alternatively receive assistance in purchasing property in Cambridge through a shared equity scheme. Fellows not residing in College will be provided with teaching space.

Fellows are also entitled to apply for grants towards the cost of computers and research.

Method of application. Applications should reach the Senior Tutor, King's College, Cambridge, CB2 1ST by Thursday 1 March 2012 (email: [senior.tutor@kings.cam.ac.uk](mailto:senior.tutor@kings.cam.ac.uk)), to whom informal enquiries should also be addressed. Applicants should send a CV including qualifications, publications, teaching experience, research interests and details of three referees. It is the candidate's responsibility to arrange for references to be sent directly to us by 1 March.

Short-listed candidates will be notified on March 6 or 7. They will be asked to provide a sample of their research (journal article, chapter of book, thesis chapter) by March 11, and invited for interview on the morning of Wednesday 14 March 2012. As part of the interview, candidates will be asked to give a short (5 minutes) account of a topic with which their current research is engaged.