



St Hilda's College

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

## 8-Hour Stipendiary Lectureship in Classics

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#### The Appointment

St Hilda's College invites applications for the fixed-term post of Stipendiary Lecturer in Classics for one year from 1 October 2026 to cover a period of sabbatical leave for Dr Rebecca Armstrong. No salaried University post is associated with this Lectureship.

The Lecturer will be expected to provide a combined total of eight hours of teaching per week in a range of Latin language and literature papers for the undergraduate courses in Classics, averaged over three eight-week terms, plus associated duties as specified below.

#### The College

There are 39 self-governing and independent colleges at Oxford, giving both academic staff and students the benefits of belonging to a small, interdisciplinary community as well as to a large, internationally-renowned institution. The collegiate system fosters a strong sense of community, bringing together leading academics and students across subjects, and from different cultures and countries.

St Hilda's is one of the constituent Colleges of Oxford University, founded in 1893 originally as a hall for women; it remained an all-women's college until 2008. The college now has equal numbers of men and women students, and maintains a commitment to equality of opportunity with a diverse community at all levels of students and fellows. The College has an academic staff of over 100 Fellows and Lecturers. There are at present approximately 400 undergraduates and 300 graduate students, who study most of the subjects offered by the University. Spectacularly set in four acres of gardens on the banks of the Cherwell at Magdalen Bridge, the College promotes a thriving culture of research and intellectual engagement. Weekday lunches provide a popular time for our academics to talk to colleagues in their own and other disciplines. Lecturers may bring guests to lunch, and at which they may meet a wide range of interesting people. They may also enjoy the amenities of the Jacqueline du Pré Music Building, and the musical events that take place there, including free term-time concerts organised by the Director of College Music.

The College Library boasts seven reading rooms over three floors, with seating for 158 readers. The galleried main reading room, dating from 1935, looks out over the River Cherwell and the 'dreaming spires' of central Oxford. The Library has extensive holdings in all aspects of Classical Languages and Literature, Ancient History, Classical Archaeology and Philosophy.

The Principal of St Hilda's is Professor Dame Sarah Springman CBE FEng. The College has a full-time Senior Tutor, who is also Tutor for Admissions (Undergraduate and Postgraduate). The Tutor for Graduates is responsible for postgraduates already on course, with the help of the College Advisors assigned to each student.

The College encourages all its members in academic achievement: We support our students through excellent teaching and pastoral care, and we provide useful termly grants for research and travel; we are proud also to support our Fellows and Lecturers in their research and teaching.

The College is an Equal Opportunities employer. More information about the College may be found on its website [www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/](http://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/)

## Classics at St Hilda's College

St Hilda's admits 6-7 students each year to read Classics, 2 for Classical Archaeology & Ancient History, and up to a further 2 for Ancient & Modern History. There are currently 31 undergraduates at St Hilda's studying for degrees involving Classics and Ancient History, and seven postgraduates reading for a degree in Classics. In addition to regular subject events, the college is able to enhance the experience of these students through generous travel grants, and excellent library resources. The Stipendiary Lecturer will have as colleagues Professor Katherine Clarke (who teaches mostly late republican and early imperial Roman History and who has published books on the geographical tradition, the conception and articulation of time in the Greek world, and Herodotus' presentation of the natural world), and Dr Tom Nelson, a Career Development Fellow teaching primarily Ancient Greek literature and language papers. For further details about these colleagues and their research interests, please see [www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/people](http://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/people)

Additional material about the College, including the research interests of all Fellows and Lecturers, can be found at the St Hilda's website. For further details about the post please contact the Senior Tutor, Dr Sarah Norman ([senior.tutor@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk](mailto:senior.tutor@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk)).

### Duties of the Post

- To provide eight contact hours' tutorial teaching each week averaged across the eight weeks of each term to undergraduate students, to include the following undergraduate papers: Latin literature for Mods (papers I, III and VII); Latin unprepared translation; Latin Core; and Ovid. The ability also to teach some of the other Latin literature papers for Greats would be desirable. For further information about these courses and a full list of papers see: [www.classics.ox.ac.uk/handbooks](http://www.classics.ox.ac.uk/handbooks)
- To take part in activities related to admissions i.e. in the assessment of written work, interviewing, and helping with the production of feedback, Open Days and the College's access schemes, which may fall outside of full term;
- To provide pastoral support with particular responsibility for around 12 undergraduate students, and administrative support for Classics, including collation of reports for personal students, setting and marking of collections (start-of-term college exams), and liaising regularly - including over the vacations when necessary - with the other Classics tutors. The successful candidate may also be asked to act as College Advisor for graduates in the College, if appropriate.

### Selection Criteria

- Candidates should hold a doctorate in Classical Languages and Literature, with a specialism in Latin, or be close to completion (and will need to have submitted their doctorate before taking up the post).
- Evidence of excellence, or the potential for excellence, in undergraduate teaching, along with the personal qualities needed to encourage a high level of achievement in undergraduate students.
- Evidence of the ability to undertake pastoral responsibilities for both undergraduate and graduate students.
- Evidence of administrative and organisational skills.
- Evidence of the ability and willingness to work collaboratively with a wide range of colleagues from different disciplines and to promote the study of Classics and Ancient History in St Hilda's College by participating in some extra-curricular discussion groups and social events for St Hilda's Classicists.

### Remuneration and Facilities

The salary for the post is £22,540 (point 1) to £23,787 (point 3) per annum (current rates) according to experience and qualifications, and membership of the USS pension scheme is offered. There is a research allowance (payable against receipts) of £330 per annum. The Lecturer will be entitled to five meals per week (either lunch or dinner) free of charge during Weeks 0 to 9 of each term, with additional

out-of-term entitlements, for example during the admissions period. The Lecturer will have the use of a teaching room in College. They will be a member of the Senior Common Room at St Hilda's College.

All teaching rooms in St Hilda's College are ether-netted. The College's IT Department will provide computer support. Some support is also available from Oxford University IT Services.

Expenses incurred for academic purposes in College (telephone, photocopying, stationery and postage) are met by the College. The Academic Office provides some secretarial support for the academic and administrative work of Lecturers.

Lecturers are welcome to use the College's public rooms for seminars and conferences, as well as for social events, and to book the College's guest accommodation. They may also enjoy the facilities of the Jacqueline du Pré Music Building, and the musical events that take place there, including term-time concerts organised by the Director of College Music.

### Application Procedure

Applications should be sent to the Academic Registrar, St Hilda's College, Cowley Place, Oxford OX4 1DY, or by email to [rebekah.unwin@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rebekah.unwin@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk), and should include the following:

- An application form (to be downloaded from the College website, [www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/content/vacancies](http://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/content/vacancies)).
- A covering letter outlining how you meet the selection criteria.
- A description of teaching experience.
- A *curriculum vitae* including a brief statement of research interests.
- The names of two referees. Applicants should ask their referees to write directly to the Academic Registrar at [rebekah.unwin@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rebekah.unwin@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk) by the closing date of **12 noon on Wednesday 18 March 2026**.

Candidates are also asked to complete one copy of the recruitment monitoring form, which should be returned to [recruitment@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk). This form is used for monitoring purposes only and will not be seen by any member of the selection committee.

The closing date for applications and the last date for receipt of references direct from referees, is **12 noon on Wednesday 18 March 2026**. Interviews are expected to take place in the week beginning 20 April.

As part of the interview, shortlisted candidates will be asked to give a presentation of 10 minutes' duration indicating how they would go about teaching one of the papers listed here (topics to cover, essay titles etc): Latin Core; Ovid; Latin Didactic; Cicero the Orator. The presentation should be pitched at third-year undergraduates.