

## Stipendiary Lectureship in Linguistics at Somerville College

Somerville College proposes to appoint a Stipendiary Lecturer in Linguistics for two terms (October 2026 to March 2027 exact dates TBC) to support the College's needs whilst Louise Mycock, the College's Tutorial Fellow in Linguistics, is on leave.

This is a fixed-term contract based at Somerville College. The lecturer will be required to give on average nine (weighted) hours per week of tutorials for Somerville College during the eight-week terms and be available during term-time and for some periods of the students' vacations to offer organisational, pastoral and admissions support.

Somerville takes great pride in its pioneering history, its academic excellence, and its intellectual and social openness. It was founded in 1879 as a non-sectarian College, and one of the first Oxford Colleges to admit women tutors and students. It has been a mixed College since 1994. There are approximately 280 graduate students currently reading for masters and doctoral degrees and approximately 450 undergraduates following three and four-year courses across a wide variety of disciplines.

The College is governed by its Principal and a Governing Body consisting of professorial, tutorial and administrative fellows. Tutors are assisted by college lecturers, and the research community includes a number of postdoctoral research fellows. There are approximately 180 members involved in the College's academic community. We employ approximately 145 support staff whose role is to work together to support the provision of an inclusive, stimulating and safe environment in which the academic and research activities of the academic members and students may thrive.

More information about the College may be found at [www.some.ox.ac.uk](http://www.some.ox.ac.uk).

### Duties of the Post

- Teach General Linguistics and Syntax to undergraduate students in tutorials and classes for nine weighted hours each week averaged over the first two terms (sixteen weeks) of the academic year.
- Prepare, set, and mark written work, and provide feedback to students (including the timely submission of termly reports).
- The lecturer will be required to act as personal tutor and organising tutor for undergraduate Linguistics students, and may be asked to act as college adviser to some postgraduate Linguistics students.
- The lecturer will be expected to arrange teaching and to set and mark collections (termly exams held in college).
- The lecturer will be required to play a significant role in the undergraduate admissions process, and will be required to participate in appropriate admissions training by the beginning of November 2026 if they have not already done so.
- The lecturer will be a member of the Somerville College Education Committee and will be expected to attend its meetings.

The successful candidate should be able to teach the following, as defined in the current exam paper syllabus definitions:

- Prelims Syntax and Prelims General Linguistics (including Historical Linguistics, Morphology, Psycholinguistics and Sociolinguistics): first-year undergraduate tutorials/classes.

- Final Honour School Syntax (covering typological generalisations and modern syntactic theory, in particular Lexical-Functional Grammar) and Final Honour School General Linguistics: advanced undergraduate tutorials.

Details of the undergraduate course structure can be found within the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics web pages at <https://www.ling-phil.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate>

## Selection criteria

### **Essential**

- I. Candidates must have completed, or be about to complete (by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026), a doctorate in Linguistics.
- II. Evidence of the ability to teach Linguistics at undergraduate level, specifically General Linguistics and Syntax, including on topics within the framework of Lexical-Functional Grammar.
- III. Demonstrate an understanding of the needs of high-achieving undergraduates and a commitment to fostering high academic achievement.
- IV. Very good communication skills and sensitivity to deal effectively with any pastoral matters that may arise.

### **Desirable**

A good record of teaching Syntax and General Linguistics appropriate to the stage of the candidate's career.

## Pay and benefits

- The salary will be £17,366 for nine hours of teaching across two academic terms. This is aligned to Point 2 of the pay scale for Stipendiary Lecturers and is equivalent to a full-time (12 hours, three terms) salary of £34,732 subject to revision in line with national adjustments to university teachers' salaries.
- Stipendiary Lecturers are eligible for membership of the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) pension scheme and are eligible for a subsidised place in an on-site Nursery run by the College, subject to availability.
- The post holder will have use of a shared teaching room and full membership of the Senior Common Room.
- As Personal Tutor the post holder will be entitled to two dinners per week during term time and to take lunch in college free of charge on any weekday during term time (when the kitchens are open). They may also claim an entertainment allowance of up to £75 per term (£225 per year when teaching across a full academic year).

## Application Procedure

Informal enquiries about this post may be directed in the first instance to [senior.tutor@some.ox.ac.uk](mailto:senior.tutor@some.ox.ac.uk).

### **Applications**

1. Applications should be made via the online at [www.some.ox.ac.uk/jobs](http://www.some.ox.ac.uk/jobs)
2. You must submit all elements of your application by **12:00 noon 13 April 2026**
3. Your application must include:
  - a) A covering letter, highlighting your suitability and motivation for the post and stating clearly which subjects you propose to teach for the College.
  - b) A *curriculum vitae* with details of qualifications, experience, current research interests and publications
  - c) the names of two referees

4. You should ask your referees to write directly to [tutorials@some.ox.ac.uk](mailto:tutorials@some.ox.ac.uk) by **12:00 noon 13 April 2026** and you should supply each referee with a copy of these further particulars. Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that references are submitted promptly, as we will not approach your referees directly. References must be submitted by the application deadline.

You can find a copy of these further particulars at [www.some.ox.ac.uk/jobs](http://www.some.ox.ac.uk/jobs)

**Interview date:** Interviews will be held on **11 May 2026**

### **Communications:**

We will communicate with applicants by email regarding the status and outcome of their application. Please state clearly in your application if email communication is not a convenient method of communicating with you.

### **Your data**

All data supplied by candidates will be used only for the purposes of determining their suitability for the post and will be held in accordance with the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 and the College's policies. Further details are available at <https://www.some.ox.ac.uk/privacy-foi/privacy-notice/>

### **Any offer of employment will be subject to the following:**

#### 1. Documentary proof of right to work in the UK

The Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 makes it a criminal offence for employers to employ someone who is not entitled to work in the UK. We therefore ask applicants to provide proof of their right to work in the UK before employment can commence. Our Human Resources team will provide further details at the appropriate stage in the recruitment process.

#### 2. Satisfactory references

Please see above for details of how references should be submitted

#### 3. Evidence of qualifications

You will be asked to provide original certificates and documentation to evidence any qualifications or training that is required for the role and that has been stated by you as having been obtained.

#### 4. Medical fitness

Please note that any offer of employment will be conditional upon receipt of a completed pre-employment medical declaration. It may also be necessary to refer the successful candidate to our Occupational Health provider for confirmation that the candidate is medically fit for the post (allowing for any reasonable adjustments that may be required, in line with the provisions of the Equality Act 2010).

#### 5. Further checks

Where required for the role, further checks, such as DBS, may be required. We will advise applicants of the need for any additional checks as appropriate.