Corpus Christi College

Conservator

Additional Information

Corpus Christi College is the sixth oldest college in the University of Cambridge. Founded in 1352 by the Guilds of Corpus Christi and the Blessed Virgin Mary, it bears the distinction of being the only College in Oxford or Cambridge founded by their citizens. The College has a 650-year commitment to teaching and research, carried out on the site of its original foundation in the heart of mediaeval Cambridge. It provides an academic and residential environment for approximately 60 Fellows and c550 students (300 undergraduates and 250 post-graduates), and currently employs approximately 120 staff. The main site is located in central Cambridge. Other accommodation is provided in five main satellites, including the extensive complex at Leckhampton in Grange Road, which provides accommodation for both students and Research and Visiting Fellows. The College’s Parker Library houses a collection of manuscripts of world-historical significance. The Library is named after a former Master, Archbishop Matthew Parker. 

THE CAMBRIDGE COLLEGES’ CONSERVATION CONSORTIUM

The Cambridge Colleges’ Conservation Consortium (CCCC) is a not-for-profit collaborative body that undertakes conservation and preservation work for Cambridge College libraries and archives. Based at Corpus Christi College, the Conservation team provides specialist conservation care on a wide variety of materials to ensure the continued accessibility of the rich collections of the various Colleges. The staff within the conservation department also assist with training, outreach, exhibitions and a whole host of other preservation activities to support the librarians and archivists of the member institutions. The CCCC was founded in 1987 with the aim of developing and sharing expertise in the conservation of rare books and manuscripts in Cambridge Colleges’ libraries. Today, these objectives are pursued through the application of specialist treatments to conserve the archives, manuscripts, incunables, early printed books and parchment materials held by the member colleges. The CCCC is comprised of fifteen member colleges: Christ’s, Clare, Corpus Christi, Downing, Emmanuel, Gonville and Caius, Jesus, King’s, Magdalene, Pembroke, Queens’, St. Catharine’s, Sidney Sussex, St John’s and Trinity Hall. 

Conditions of Employment and Benefits

Below is a summary of the main terms, conditions and benefits of employment.

Remuneration: Fix salary £26,250 (undergoing review for increase to be in line with the ICON recommended salary for an entry-level position).

Hours of Work:
This is a full-time position working a 5-day week. The hours of work are 37.5 hours per week 9:00 am until 5:30 pm with one-hour unpaid lunch break. You may be required to work additional hours as necessary.

Holidays: Paid leave is given for 27 working days and 8 Bank Holidays (or equivalent) per year (prorated for part time employees).

Pension: All eligible staff will be auto-enrolled onto the National Employment Savings Trust scheme (NEST) which is a contributory pension scheme. Further details are available from the Finance Office or HR.

Healthcare: The College offers a contributory Private Medical Insurance Healthcare scheme and a cash-back health plan available to all permanent staff which is non-contributory and a taxable benefit.
**Death in Service:** The College provides a Death in Service benefit at 2x basic gross annual salary for all permanent employed staff (not casual or temporary) under the age of 70.

**College Facilities for Staff:** Staff may attend many College events, as well as various social events for staff members. The College also has a wide range of facilities, many of which are available to staff, such as membership of the University Social Club, and the University Centre. Staff may also use the sports facilities at Leckhampton, which include squash, tennis courts and gym.

**Meals:** A lunch allowance is also an added benefit, for use either in the College Hall or in the Pelican Bar.

**Car Parking:** Car parking is normally available although not guaranteed.

**Tax Free Childcare Scheme:** The College operates the Government’s childcare scheme which has replaced the previous childcare voucher scheme.

**Probationary Period:** The appointment is subject to an initial probationary period of 3/6 months. The probationary period may be extended at the College’s discretion.

*The College is an equal opportunities employer*