



Gonville & Caius

Lay Clerkship Bass

(Fixed Term for One Year from October 2019)

About Gonville and Caius College

Gonville & Caius is a College in the University of Cambridge. Commonly referred to as Caius (pronounced 'keys'), the College is at the centre of University life in Cambridge. It is also at the very centre of the town — moments away from the market square, a few minutes' walk from the University Library and ideally placed for all the University faculties.

The College comprises some 530 undergraduate students, 250 graduate students, and 110 Fellows (lecturers, professors and other senior academic researchers and teachers) and almost 200 staff. The College community plays a significant role throughout the University. Our students come from all over the world and our undergraduates study all the subjects offered in the University. Our postgraduates play a vital role in the research activities of the wider University. Our Fellows have globally renowned research expertise ranging from Ancient History to Cosmology and are all recognised as leaders in their fields.

The College has exceptional facilities: beautiful buildings around the Old Courts in the city centre, as well as modern en-suite accommodation set in extensive gardens just over the river at its West Road site. The College is equipped with excellent teaching and research resources, including an outstanding library and full computing facilities, (including a computer network covering all student rooms). Most importantly, the people of Caius have a spirit of endeavour and excellence which is as relevant today as when the College was first founded nearly seven hundred years ago. To find out more about the College, its history, research activities, teaching and day-to-day life, please explore our website on www.cai.cam.ac.uk

Job Title Lay Clerkship

Reporting to The Director of Music

Job summary

The postholder will be required to sing in the College Choir for 3 services per week during full term (Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday) with rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday evening, plus special services such as Solemn Eucharist for Ash Wednesday, Requiem for All Souls and Carol Services, and some Sunday morning services.

The postholder will receive the same benefits as the choral scholars at Caius, including free singing lessons with one of the College's singing teachers, free travel and accommodation

(where necessary) for concerts, tours, recordings and broadcasts, plus fees where appropriate.

For full details of the Choir's activities, please visit www.gonvilleandcaiuschoir.com

Main Responsibilities

- The Lay Clerk shall sing for all services, rehearsals and external engagements as listed on the choir timetable.
- The Lay Clerk should demonstrate a high standard of musicianship and present a professional attitude at all times.

Qualifications/Skills

- The Lay Clerk should have had several years of professional vocal tuition and be able to sight read to a high standard. He should also have considerable experience of singing in Anglican worship.

Please note that this position is not open to undergraduates. Accommodation is not provided by Gonville & Caius College for this post.

Salary

The salary for the post is £3,500 inclusive of holiday pay for the period of the Fixed Term Appointment

Hours of work

The postholder needs to be available during full term (3 x 8 weeks) plus up to 5 weeks during the vacations for other Choir activities.

General

Holiday pay will be included in the salary.

Health and Safety

All staff must adopt a responsible attitude towards health and safety and to comply with any procedures as required by the College in order to ensure the health and safety of themselves, their colleagues and any other persons that may be affected by their actions. They must be prepared to undertake any training provided in relation to health and safety or which is identified as necessary in relation to their work.

Application Process

Candidates should complete the attached application form, including details of a referee, who should have detailed knowledge of the candidate's musical ability and suitability for this post, and return it by **12 noon on Friday 31st May 2019**. Interviews and auditions for short-listed candidates will take place during June. Short-listed candidates will be asked to prepare two contrasted pieces lasting no more than a total of 10 minutes, and will be given some aural and sight-reading tests. An accompanist will be provided.

Applications should be sent to:

Claire Wheeler, Choir and Chapel Administrator
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