

DIRECTOR OF THE M.A. PROGRAMME AT CRANMER HALL

OVERVIEW	
Job title:	Director of the MA Programme
Responsible to:	Academic Dean
Responsible for:	N/A
Working alongside:	Director of Undergraduate Studies, Academic Administrator, other tutorial colleagues
Grade	Lichfield Scale
Salary:	£28,900 plus the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a taxable housing allowance of £14,767 • a taxable entertainment allowance of £164 • a taxable car allowance of £1,588 • a book grant of £815 • a conference grant of £250 • provision of Collegiate meals in term-time for the post-holder
Contract type:	Permanent
Working arrangements:	Full time (35 hours per week)
Pension:	CofE Pension Scheme (ordained Anglican) or USS or St John's College Pension Scheme (lay/non-Anglican)
Holidays:	27 days annual leave plus statutory holidays and University customary days Study leave is normally provided for a term every three years
Start date:	1 January 2024 (or as soon as possible thereafter)
Closing date:	13 November 2023
Interview date:	24 November 2023

ABOUT ST JOHN'S COLLEGE AND CRANMER HALL

Founded in 1909 as an evangelical Anglican foundation, St John's College has over the years pursued a two-fold vision: to offer training for church leaders within a world-class university while also offering Christian hospitality to students from a wide range of academic disciplines at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Cranmer Hall, the theological college within St John's College, offers theological training for Anglican ordinands, trainee Free Church ministers, and undergraduates and postgraduates studying theology, ministry and mission within a confessional context. Rooted in an evangelical tradition, Cranmer Hall has over the years proved a generous home for people training from a range of Christian backgrounds. Cranmer Hall has increasingly close links with the Department of Theology and Religion in Durham University and a number of staff are Associate Fellows in the Department.

Cranmer Hall currently provides for training for 40 ordinands and 40 students on the Free Church Track, together with independent students. A Mixed-Mode track offers ordinands the chance to train while remaining in their sending context. A particular

strength of Cranmer Hall is our postgraduate learning community with 55 students studying for an MA in Theology and Ministry and 42 on our sector-leading Doctorate in Theology and Ministry programme, delivered jointly with the Department of Theology and Religion.

Cranmer Hall thus has a unique role in training people in the context of the North East for mission in the North of England and beyond. It is one of only two residential theological colleges in the Northern Province of the Church of England, and has a reputation for excellent theological education across a range of academic pathways, a rich experience of placements across the region and beyond, and a commitment to shared learning across a diverse community. It has a longstanding commitment to the training of people for ordained leadership together with collaborative ministry.

JOB SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

The role of the Director of the MA Programme is to oversee and further develop the postgraduate life of Cranmer Hall within St John's College, with particular responsibility for our thriving MA programme, ensuring that teaching and supervision is of the highest standard and that the programme continues to recruit and engage vibrant cohorts of students in a variety of contexts.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- To oversee the effective delivery and strategic development of the MA in Theology & Ministry (MATM) programme within Cranmer Hall. Alongside programme administration responsibilities this is likely to involve leading the teaching of Practical Theology as the core module of the MATM, articulating the value of integrating rigorous academic theology with reflection on the practice of mission and ministry.
- To develop the profile of the postgraduate research community at Cranmer Hall on both a national and international level, ensuring that teaching methods and programme structure continue to meet the needs of a diverse student body.
- To be active in recruiting to the programme, ensuring through networking and other communication that Cranmer Hall maintains and develops its strong profile as a centre of excellence in both research and teaching within the Church.
- To work as a member of the Academic Team (Academic Dean, Director of Undergraduate Studies, Director of the MA Programme, and Academic Administrator) in ensuring that academic programmes are delivered with high standard and effective processes to aid student learning and formation.
- To be active in research, teaching, and supervision at BA, MA, and doctoral level. Although the exact areas to be taught will be determined in conversation with the successful candidate, it is important that the post-holder has sufficient knowledge and experience of practical theology to be able to teach this at BA and MA level. Additional areas where we are seeking to strengthen our teaching include Biblical Studies.
- To tutor up to 10 ministers in training supporting Christ-like ministerial formation.
- To serve as a prayerful and constructive member of the Cranmer staff team.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

	Criteria	Essential	Desirable
1	Demonstrable passion for theological teaching and research together with strong awareness of how it can contribute to the mission of the Church today	X	
2	Doctoral-level theological qualification (or close to completing it), research active together with some experience of teaching	X	
3	Proven strategic and decision-making skills and capacity to develop and implement successfully new initiatives	X	
4	An exceptional level of self-awareness and ability to serve in a collaborative and resilient manner, including working effectively within teams	X	
5	Capacity to work constructively within the evangelical and ecumenical tradition of Cranmer Ha	X	
6	Demonstrable passion for, and skills in, supporting men and women training in Christian mission and ministry.	X	
7	A willingness to participate in and lead daily college prayer and worship	X	
8	A satisfactory DBS declaration is required at the time of taking up the post	X	
9	Experience of conducting and/or supervising empirical research		X
11	Experience of leadership in parochial/chaplaincy context		X
12	Experience of teaching and research in the field of Practical Theology, Biblical Studies, or Leadership		X
13	Experience of programme direction or other administrative roles within an academic department or institution		X

This role is subject to the successful applicant providing proof of eligibility to work in the UK.

The role is open to lay or ordained members of any church or denomination.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should be by letter or by email with accompanying CV and should contain the names, addresses, email details and telephone numbers of three referees. All documents should be posted to College, or emailed to: cran.exec@durham.ac.uk

For an informal conversation, please contact the Warden, the Revd Dr Nick Moore, on cranmer.warden@durham.ac.uk, or the Deputy Warden, the Revd Dr Emma Parker, on cran.depwarden@durham.ac.uk

Closing date for applications: Monday 13 November (midday)

Date for interview: Friday 24 November