Pastry Chef

Job Description

Gonville & Caius is one of the oldest and largest Colleges of the University of Cambridge. Founded in 1348, it combines the best of Cambridge tradition with 21st century teaching and research.

Caius’ beautiful Old Courts are located right in the heart of Cambridge. The College is home to an academic community of around 780 undergraduate and postgraduate students, together with 110 Fellows and almost 200 staff.

Catering at Caius is diverse. For students in term the main meal is the two sittings of dinner in Hall each for up to 200. Smaller numbers (say 10-30) also eat breakfast and lunch in the Bar or in Hall. Fellows lunch in their own dining room and then dine at High Table in Hall alongside the students’ second sitting. In addition private lunches and dinners are delivered both to Caians and external customers in other rooms. The enjoyment of “Caius Dining” also encourages alumni to return to the College at a variety of Feasts and other events throughout the year – a key funding source for our charitable educational aims. In summer (and to lesser extent year round) we bring in substantial third party residential conferences, again to enhance funding for the College. The College is rich in tradition and dining is at the forefront of its values. We provide both our undergraduates and graduates and fellows with dining-in-hall 6 days a week during term.

Summary and purpose of the role

We are looking for a Pastry Chef to join us at an exciting time when Caius is travelling on a journey to deliver food excellence throughout our food provision to our varied customer base.

Responsible College Officer: The Operations Director

Responsible to: The Head Chef/Catering Director
Primary responsibilities

The role of Pastry Chef will work under another chef and be responsible for producing food for all College outlets, including Masters Lodge, Fellows and Special Functions Junior Members and Harvey Court

- Responsible for producing high standards of pastry with a thorough knowledge of classic and modern pastry within a professional kitchen.
- Be able to develop seasonal menus for all the above primary responsibilities
- Input into menu planning.

Person Specification:

- Trained to NVQ3, City & Guilds 706/1, 706/2, 706/3 or equivalent experience
- Experience within a high class establishment. Covering pastry and dough work, hot and cold puddings, cakes, chocolate work, petits fours and new methods of cookery.
- Intermediate Food Hygiene Certificate
- Knowledge of Allergy Regulations
- Basic knowledge of HACCP principles and COSHH regulations

Salary

The appointment carries a salary of around £21,420 per annum.

Hours of work

This is a full time post. The standard working week is 40 hours per week 5 days out of 7. However, the ability and willingness to adopt a flexible approach to working hours is expected and you will be required to work hours outside the normal working week or additional hours in order to meet the requirements of the role and the needs of the College. Appropriate time off in lieu arrangements will be made to cover extended working days.

General

The appointment will be subject to a six-month probationary period. The annual leave entitlement is 33 days (including Bank and public holidays). A free meal is provided for staff whilst working more than 4 hours per day. The college has a pension scheme (Universities Superannuation Scheme) to which the successful candidate would be automatically enrolled. The College also offers a medical cash back scheme.

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.
Completed application forms should be returned to:

The HR/Personnel Office
Gonville & Caius College
Trinity Street
Cambridge, CB2 1TA
Tel: 01223 332395
Email: jobs@cai.cam.ac.uk

College Background

Gonville & Caius College has a colourful history and owes its unusual name to the fact that it was founded twice. It was first founded in 1348 as Gonville Hall by Edmund Gonville, the rector of Terrington St Clement in Norfolk. Our second founder, John Keys, adopted a Latin form of his name, Caius (still pronounced Keys). Caius was a student at Gonville Hall before studying medicine at the University of Padua. Gonville Hall survived on modest means until Caius returned to find his old college in a dilapidated state. He set to work extending the College buildings and re-established the College in 1557.

The College is located on two main sites, Trinity Street in the centre of Cambridge and West Road, just across the Cam. Administrative, catering and residential accommodation is in the main College buildings in Trinity Street. In West Road, the Stephen Hawking Building and Harvey Court provide additional student accommodation, and conference facilities are available in the Stephen Hawking Building.

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 700 years ago.
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