

Jesus College, Cambridge Research Fellowship

Further Particulars

Jesus College, Cambridge invites applications each year for stipendiary Research Fellowships, Two in an Arts subject and one in a Science subject. The Fellowships will normally be tenable for three years from **1 October 2020**.

To access the Research Fellowship application system, you are required to register online. This enables you to save your application and to revisit/edit before submitting it, or to check the status of your application. The online system, <https://jrf.jesus.cam.ac.uk> will be available for registration from **Monday 29 July 2019**.

Applications AND referees' reports must be received by **5pm on Tuesday 27 August 2019**.

Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted. Please make sure that your application **and** your referees' reports reach us before the closing date of **5pm on Tuesday 27 August 2019**.

Eligibility Requirements:

Application for a Research Fellowship is open to those in any discipline within the Sciences and Arts. The College expects to select a person with an excellent record of research in their chosen subject and the potential to pursue that research at the highest level.

These Fellowships are intended for researchers early in their careers. Successful candidates are expected to be either graduate students, probably in the latter stages of their research leading to a PhD Degree, or post-doctoral researchers who have recently been awarded their PhD Degree. Candidates who have undertaken more than five years of full-time research are unlikely to be considered. The College is prepared to consider exceptions to these criteria and candidates have the opportunity to present a case for this during the application process. Further details can be found on https://jrf.jesus.cam.ac.uk/rf_2020/home/eligibility_requirements/ once the competition has opened on 29 July 2019.

The Fellowship is a fixed-term three year Research Fellowship normally commencing on 1 October 2020. Exceptionally, the College, at its absolute discretion, will entertain an application to start the Fellowship earlier, at any date after 1 May, if a good reason can be shown for so doing. One reason why the person appointed might apply to the College to start the Fellowship prior to 1 October 2020 would be if an earlier start date was required in order to satisfy any conditions under the United Kingdom's Points Based Immigration Scheme. If the Fellowship starts prior to 1 October 2020, the end of the Fellowship will also be adjusted so that the period of the Fellowship remains at three years.

Statements of research are required and should be not more than 2,000 words, outlining the work candidates would submit in support of their applications and the research they propose to pursue if elected. Please note that the statement will be read by people outside as well as inside the candidate's own discipline and should therefore be intelligible to scholars in other subjects.

Dissertations are not required at this stage, but it is essential to have written work readily accessible, because those candidates whose applications are shortlisted for further assessment will be invited in October 2019 to upload a copy of their chosen written work. Shortlisted

candidates will also be asked for a 500 word statement regarding the importance of their current and proposed work. Please ensure that contact details on the application are kept updated. A further shortlist will be made and the College will invite a selected number of candidates to attend an interview.

The College is concerned with the quality, rather than quantity, of the work submitted but in order that an informed assessment may be made, it is important that sufficient material be available. As a rough guide, it is recommended that the work for submission to external assessors should be not more than about 40,000 words. If the work is not received by the deadline, candidates will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition. The submitted work need not be in its final form but must provide evidence of outstanding originality and promise. Candidates must notify the College if they accept a Research Fellowship at another college.

Submitted work should normally be written in English. If candidates are intending to submit work in a foreign language, they should give notice by indicating this on their application where they enter the title of the work.

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Fellowship Details

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The stipend for a Research Fellow is set by reference to the University of Cambridge salary scale and subject to any increases in that scale. Steps 28 (£22,017), 30 (£23,334) and 32 (£24,771) are applied respectively over the three years of Fellowship, which will incorporate a cap at the year 2 level of Step 30 if a PhD has not been conferred by the end of that second year. The salary is also increased by £2,000 per annum if you already hold your PhD or, once you have started your Fellowship, from the date when a PhD is conferred.

The College is able to assist in the provision of subsidised accommodation for Research Fellows (valued at £9,600 per year). A Research Fellow not resident in College property will receive a 'living-out' allowance of £3,306 per annum. Children's allowances are payable (up to the age of 18), at present at the rate of £1,352 per annum for each child in the custody of and maintained by a Research Fellow, up to a maximum of £4,056 per annum for three or more such children. Allowances will be increased at the same rate as the stipend.

A Research Fellow who holds another award may expect to receive a supplementary payment from the College, provided this is allowed by the award-giving body.

Free dinner (or lunch) is provided. Research Fellows may also join the University's Superannuation Scheme, and the College is prepared, where appropriate, to make a contribution to university fees.

A Research Fellow may be invited to undertake a small amount of undergraduate teaching during Term, but will not be permitted to undertake other paid work or to hold other offices and awards except by permission of the College Council.