



## **CHRIST'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE**

### **Charles Darwin and Galapagos Islands Fund Junior Research Fellowship**

#### **Further Particulars**

Christ's College Cambridge invites applications for a Charles Darwin and Galapagos Islands Fund Junior Research Fellowship. It will be tenable for four years from no later than 1 October 2024 and is not renewable. The Fellowship is offered for research in any areas relevant to present-day aspects of the work originally undertaken by Charles Darwin (the Natural Sciences in their broadest sense), including:

- Life Sciences: terrestrial or marine
- Conservation Studies (including the socio-economic impact of conservation)
- Sustainability Analysis
- Climate Change Analysis
- Oceanographic Research
- Earth Sciences

The anticipation is that this work will help to promote the scientific understanding, conservation and/or long-term sustainability of the Galapagos Islands. The Fund was established (2009) in order to develop links between Cambridge and the Galapagos Islands (primarily through the Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora and the Parc Nacional Galapagos) and commemorates the immense importance of Darwin's time spent collecting and observing while on the archipelago. Financial support may be available to support research activities and fieldwork on the Galapagos during the tenure of the Fellowship. It is anticipated that the Research Fellow will conduct their research in the Galapagos Islands as well as in Cambridge.

The Junior Research Fellowship is intended for researchers comparatively early on in their careers and offers an opportunity to carry out novel research in a stimulating academic environment. There is no requirement for prior experience of the Galapagos Islands, although applications from candidates with such experience are also welcome. Candidates should not normally have held a stipendiary research fellowship at another Oxford or Cambridge College. The successful candidate is expected to be either a graduate student, probably in the latter stages of their research leading to a PhD Degree (or equivalent), or a postdoctoral researcher who has completed their PhD Degree after 1 January 2022.

The stipend of a Junior Research Fellow is currently £27,396 (with a PhD – point 32 on the University single salary spine) or £23,149 (without a PhD - point 25 on the University single salary spine) provided that the Fellow is not paid from elsewhere (other than remuneration for up to six hours' College or University teaching a week). Fellows living out of College receive a living-out allowance of £4,878 (with a PhD) or £2,232 (without a PhD). The stipend for a Fellow who has additional emoluments (other than that for up to six hours teaching) will be reduced by the total amount of pay received.

In addition to pursuing research, it is understood that the Junior Research Fellow will take a full part in College life and activities and will become associated with the Galapagos Conservation Trust (GCT). Where appropriate they are encouraged to undertake some undergraduate teaching during Term, for which payment will be made at normal supervision rates. The Junior Research Fellow will be a member of the Governing Body, eligible to sit on College committees, with the full privileges of a Fellow. Privileges include seven free meals per week, the possibility of financial support for expenses associated with their research, use of a study room or, in special circumstances, single accommodation in College.

It should be noted that a successful candidate for a stipendiary Junior Research Fellowship who does not have an automatic right to work in the United Kingdom (including anyone who is completing a PhD at an overseas institution) will be subject to the visa requirements of the United Kingdom. The College will give informal advice and assistance but ultimately it will be the responsibility of the candidate to obtain the necessary visa.

Applications should be sent to [hrmanager@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:hrmanager@christs.cam.ac.uk) to arrive no later than **noon on Thursday 19 October 2023**, and should include a curriculum vitae with details of qualifications, publications and experience, a research statement and the names and addresses of two persons who have agreed to act as academic referees. Candidates must arrange for their referees to send their reference directly to [hrmanager@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:hrmanager@christs.cam.ac.uk), so that **references are received by the same closing date of noon on Thursday 19 October 2023**. Candidates shortlisted for this position (expected to be advised by Thursday 2 November) will be required, electronically, to submit to the College samples of their written work for assessment by Wednesday 8 November and **selected candidates may be invited to the College for interview in the week commencing 8 January 2024**.