



Stipendiary Junior Research Fellowship Further Particulars

Christ's College, Cambridge invites applications for two stipendiary Junior Research Fellowships in specified areas of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. They will be tenable for four years from normally no later than 1 October 2027 and are not renewable.

A Junior Research Fellowship is intended for a researcher early in their career and, in this case, is restricted to applicants in one or more of the following subject areas:

- Anthropology
- Archaeology *
- Architecture
- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- English (*limited to literature of 1800 to the present day*) *
- Linguistics (*theoretical and applied*)
- Modern and Medieval Languages (*limited to French and Francophone, German, Italian, or Slavonic*) *
- Theology

The first of the two Fellowships is available to applicants in any of the subject areas listed, while the second (to be known as the A.H. Lloyd Junior Research Fellowship) is available only to applicants in the asterisked subject areas. There is no need to apply separately for the two posts: all applicants will be considered for the first post and automatically also for the A.H. Lloyd Fellowship if they are eligible.

Each Junior Research Fellowship offers an opportunity to carry out novel research in a stimulating academic environment. Applications are invited from candidates who hold a first degree and who are studying for (or already hold) a higher degree. Candidates should not hold or have held a stipendiary research fellowship at another Oxford or Cambridge College.

The successful candidates are expected to be either postgraduate students, probably in the latter stages of research leading to a PhD degree (or equivalent), or post-doctoral researchers who have completed their PhD degrees **after** 1 January 2026. ("Completed" means being approved for the award of the degree rather than having attended a graduation ceremony.) Candidates who do not fulfil these criteria are unlikely to be considered.

The Fellowships may be held for a period not exceeding four years. Tenure of the Fellowships is conditional upon the holders devoting themselves to research to the satisfaction of the College Council, and the holders are expected to carry out their research primarily within the University of Cambridge, although fieldwork, archival research and collaborations elsewhere are strongly encouraged. The tenure of the post may be split by a period, or periods, of intermission (unpaid) not exceeding a total of two years in duration, to enable the holders to pursue research away from Cambridge.

The stipend for a Junior Research Fellow is currently £32,882 (with a PhD) or £26,745 (without a PhD). Fellows living out of College receive a pensionable living-out allowance of £7,457 (with a PhD) or £3,728 (without a PhD).

In addition to pursuing research, it is hoped that the Research Fellows will take a full part in College life and activities. Where appropriate they are encouraged to undertake some undergraduate teaching during term, for which payment will be made at normal supervision rates. Each Research Fellow will be a member of the Governing Body, eligible to sit on College committees, with the full privileges of a Fellow of the College including seven free meals per week, the possibility of financial support for expenses associated with their research, use of a study room or, where appropriate, single accommodation in College.

The starting date for each appointment is likely to be 1 October 2027, or sooner by mutual agreement. In exceptional circumstances (such as the need to obtain a visa as set out below) the starting date may be deferred for a period of time following discussion and contractual agreement, up to an absolute maximum of one year.

Notes for applicants who do not have an automatic right to work in the United Kingdom: each successful candidate 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 a suitable visa. In such cases, the College encourages successful candidates to apply for a Global Talent visa for which they must already hold a PhD or have submitted their PhD thesis. They should allow approximately 3 months for the visa application process, and the Fellowship cannot commence until the Global Talent visa has been issued. The College will itself cover the cost of the visa and the associated healthcare surcharge (for the successful Fellowship candidates only). For a candidate who is already studying at a university in the UK under a Student visa, their current visa already confers the right to work in the UK but they will be subject to, and must adhere to, any official restrictions (including limits on working hours) until such time as they can acquire a Global Talent visa. Please note that the Skilled Worker visa route is not available for this Fellowship.

Applications must be submitted online via the Christ's College website at https://jrf.christs.cam.ac.uk/rf_2027/ by **12 noon on Tuesday 15 September 2026**. Reports from two referees must also be received by **the same deadline** for the application to be eligible. Applicants are themselves responsible for ensuring that both of their referees

respond by the deadline to the automated emails that they will receive requesting submission of their references.

Those candidates who are shortlisted will be informed by Monday 26 October 2026 and will be asked to submit to the College by Monday 2 November 2026 samples of their written work for assessment. This sample work should be at least 10,000 words (approximately) in length, up to 15,000; ideally, it should be chapter(s) of your PhD thesis complemented with a few short additional paragraphs to give some context for the work and to show how it fits into the thesis as a whole. Alternatively, it may be other recent, substantial work such as book chapter(s) or article(s). Some of the shortlisted candidates may then be invited to attend an interview, expected to be held on or around Tuesday 19 January 2027. Further details of the Fellowship competition process are provided on the website.

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