



Stipendiary Junior Research Fellowship

Further Particulars

Christ's College, Cambridge invites applications for a stipendiary Junior Research Fellowship in specified areas of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. It will be tenable for four years from normally no later than 1 October 2026 and is 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:

- Classics
- History (restricted to work that falls substantially within the period c. 700–c. 1450)
- Music
- Politics & International Studies

The 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 candidate is expected to be either a postgraduate student, probably in the latter stages of research leading to a PhD degree (or equivalent), or a post-doctoral researcher who has completed their PhD degree **after** 1 January 2025. ("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 Fellowship may be held for a period not exceeding four years. Tenure of the Fellowship is conditional upon the holder devoting themselves to research to the satisfaction of the College Council, and the holder is expected to carry out their research within the University of Cambridge. The tenure may be split by a period, or periods, of intermission (unpaid) not exceeding a total of two years in duration, to enable the holder to pursue research away from Cambridge.

The stipend for a Junior Research Fellow is currently £32,428 (with a PhD) and £26,376 (without a PhD). Fellows living out of College receive a pensionable living-out allowance of £6,880 (with a PhD) or £3,440 (without a PhD).

In addition to pursuing research, it is hoped that the Research Fellow 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. The 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 the appointment is likely to be 1 October 2026 or, by mutual agreement, slightly sooner (during September or August). In exceptional circumstances (such as the need to obtain a visa as set out below) the starting date may be deferred following mutual discussion and contractual agreement for a period of time, up to an absolute maximum of one year.

Notes for applicants who do not have an automatic right to work in the United Kingdom: the 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. For a Global Talent visa, the candidate must have completed their PhD before the starting date of the appointment (typically about 3 months in advance, to allow sufficient time for the visa application process to conclude). The College will itself cover the cost of the visa and the associated healthcare surcharge. 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 www.christs.cam.ac.uk/jrf by **12 noon on Tuesday 16 September 2025**. Reports from two referees must also be received by **12 noon on Tuesday 16 September 2025** for the application to be eligible. Applicants are 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 27 October 2025 and will be asked to submit to the College by Monday 3 November 2025 samples of their written work for assessment. The written work is expected to be papers being prepared for publication or chapters for a PhD thesis. Shortlisted candidates may also be asked to attend an interview, expected to be held on or

around Tuesday 20 January 2026. Further details of the Fellowship competition are provided on the website: [**www.christs.cam.ac.uk/jrf**](http://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/jrf).

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[**https://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/college-administrative-information-and-policy-documents**](https://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/college-administrative-information-and-policy-documents)