



JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD

VISITING SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2024-25

FURTHER PARTICULARS

I THE APPOINTMENT

Jesus College welcomes applications for a Visiting Senior Research Fellowship, tenable from 1 October 2024, for a minimum of one term and a maximum of one academic year.

Criteria for appointment

The successful candidate will meet the following criteria:

1. Possess clear international academic distinction in research.
2. Hold a remunerated post in another University or equivalent.
3. Have a plan for spending time in Oxford to pursue their research.
4. Wish to spend between one term and one academic year in Oxford.
5. The VSRF is open to candidates from any field of research, although there is a preference this year for candidates in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Applications are particularly welcome from women, and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford.
6. Be willing and able to support the College's activities by participating in College life.

II JESUS COLLEGE

Jesus College has a strong commitment to promoting and enabling education, learning, scholarship and research at the highest levels amongst its students and academic staff, whilst preserving an informal and friendly atmosphere. Founded in 1571 by Elizabeth I, the College is a self-governing educational charity and is one of the 39 constituent colleges of Oxford University. With Professor Sir Nigel Shadbolt, FRS FREng, as its Principal, the College comprises over 100 Fellows, 50 lecturers, 330 postgraduates and just under 400 undergraduates, and 90 support staff. The College is located on an attractive historic site in the centre of Oxford, with excellent access to the Bodleian Library and other University libraries, the Science Area, and the University's department and faculty buildings. Two annexe sites, in north and east Oxford, allow the College to provide accommodation for almost all its students.

In 2022 the College opened [the Cheng Yu Tung Building](#) on its main Oxford site. In addition to postgraduate accommodation, teaching and learning spaces and other student facilities, this transformational space includes [the Cheng Kar Shun Digital Hub](#), fostering innovation with digital technology, within and across disciplines, and enabling researchers to explore new methodologies and share research results in innovative ways. The Digital Hub engages academics, students, staff, schools, and the public with digital research and teaching, events and activities, thus building on the University of Oxford's world-leading research, teaching, collections, and technologies.

The College held a [Strategic Review of its activity for 2023-2027](#), setting out a number of important academic themes.

Full information about the College is available on the [College website](#).

Information about the Fellows of the College, including their research and teaching interests, may be found at <https://www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/about-jesus-college/our-community/people/>.

III BENEFITS

1. *Free accommodation*: usually a flat comprising one bedroom, a study, a living room, kitchen and bathroom, suitable for a single person or couple. The flat is in Thelwall House, located at the College's annexe site at Herbert Close in east Oxford, next to the College's playing fields. More information may be found at <https://www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/study-here/life-at-jesus/accommodation/>.

(The Fellow will be responsible for utility charges.)

Alternative accommodation might be available in the single-occupancy apartments in the Cheng Yu Tung Building.

Whilst the College has very little accommodation suitable for those with families, we would endeavour to find suitable accommodation for a successful candidate who wished to bring their family to Oxford.

2. *Dining rights*: the Fellow will be entitled to lunch and dinner, free of charge, with the Senior Common Room during term and vacation, except when the kitchens are closed.
3. *Office space in College* (equipped with a standard Windows desktop PC and black & white printer).
4. *Membership of the Senior Common Room (SCR)*: £60 per annum charge payable.

Please note that a Visiting Senior Research Fellowship does not carry with it membership of Governing Body.

Intellectual life and the College community

Each term there are a number of events for members of the Senior and Middle Common Rooms to meet to present and discuss their research, as well as many varied and interesting online events open to Fellows, staff and alumni. Additional events throughout the year include student musical, dramatic and choral productions.

The Fellows of the College form a lively multi-disciplinary and international community. Weekday lunches in particular are a popular time and there would be excellent opportunities for the Visiting Senior Research Fellow to speak to a broad range of other Fellows and lecturers in many different disciplines. Guest Nights on Wednesdays and Fridays during term offer very pleasant occasions for Fellows to entertain professional and personal guests, and a chance to meet a wide range of interesting people. The College hosts a number of well-attended formal dinners throughout the year, at which the Visiting Senior Research Fellow and their guest would be most welcome.

Facilities

Visiting Senior Research Fellow may make use of the College's well-equipped seminar and other rooms for meetings, entertainment, conferences etc., and can book accommodation for guests in dedicated Fellows' guest rooms. The Fellows' Resources Room provides networked computers, printers, fax, and photocopiers. The College's beautiful 17th-century library offers working and reading spaces for all Fellows, with Wi-Fi (the student library is separate and may also be used).

IV OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Equal opportunities. Jesus College welcomes and celebrates diversity. We strive towards creating an inclusive environment, where our staff and those associated with the College feel valued and respected. We want them to thrive, regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation. Our staff are an integral part of our community, and we cherish equally those qualities that make each of us unique, and those that bring us together. Where suitably qualified individuals are available, the selection committee will contain at least one member of either sex. Applications are particularly welcome from women and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford.

Data protection. All data supplied by applicants will be used only for the purposes of determining their suitability for the post and will be held in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the [College's Data Protection Policy](#).

All elections are made by the Governing Body, to whom the selection committee will make its recommendations. Applicants will be sought both by advertisement and by recommendation from the Fellowship of Jesus College, and considered using the same selection criteria and process outlined above.

V APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply please complete the online form at <https://ams.jesus.ox.ac.uk/Forms/url/VSRF2024-2025> by the closing date of **Friday, 16 February 2024**.

Please note that you will be asked to upload the following **(PDF files only)**:

1. A full Curriculum Vitae.
2. A proposal for the use of the time in Oxford.
3. A note containing the names and contact details, including email addresses, of three referees.

References

Applicants should ask their referees to upload their reference letters via the reference submission portal at <https://ams.jesus.ox.ac.uk/Forms/url/VSRFRef>.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that references are submitted by the closing date of Friday, 16 February 2024. The College does not prompt referees for references.

Queries may be addressed through the Principal's PA, Mrs Helen Gee (helen.gee@jesus.ox.ac.uk).