

JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD

DR SARA HOPE BROWNE NON-STIPENDIARY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES IN THE MEDICAL SCIENCES FURTHER PARTICULARS

I RESEARCH ASSOCIATESHIPS

The College invites applications for 10 non-stipendiary Research Associates in the Medical Sciences, tenable from 1 October 2024 for a fixed term of at least two years and a maximum of three. These positions are intended for Early Career Researchers who have secured a postdoctoral research position at the University of Oxford but who do not have a college association. Candidates are expected to be at an early stage in their academic career. Applicants should have been awarded their doctorate within the last five years (from commencement of Research Associateship), excluding career breaks e.g. for family reasons.

Research Associates are expected to engage in the academic life of the College and to contribute to research and researcher development activities for postgraduates and other Early Career Researchers. This could include, for example, participation in seminars, career talks or postgraduate dinners. They are also expected to act as College Advisor to a small number of postgraduate students in medicine or a related field.

The objectives of the College in offering these positions are to increase the number of Early Career Researchers at Jesus College, and to build a supportive research culture in which they can develop their academic skills.

Duties

- Engage via their department in original and high quality research in Medicine or a related field.
- Act as College Advisor to a maximum of four postgraduates at any one time.
- Attend or co-organise College research seminars or researcher development events for postgraduates and/or Early Career Researchers.
- Contribute to the general academic life of the College.

Criteria for appointment

The successful applicant will meet the following criteria.

- Have secured a postdoctoral research position at the University of Oxford that will remain in place for the duration of the proposed Research Associateship, and that does not offer a college association.
- Not already hold a college association.
- Possess a strong educational record.
- Have a record of publications and other output demonstrating research expertise in the field, appropriate to career stage.
- In possession of a doctorate in Medicine or a related field (awarded since I September 2019, unless a career break has been taken, e.g. for family reasons).
- Potential to enrich the research culture for postgraduate and ECR scholars in College.
- Potential to contribute to the wider life and academic community of the College.

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 some 110 Fellows, 50 lecturers, just over 300 graduates 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 a new building on its main Oxford site - <u>the Cheng Yu Tung</u> <u>Building</u>. This transformational addition to the College includes new teaching spaces, meeting rooms, a café, a multifaith room, a gym, postgraduate accommodation and <u>the Cheng Kar Shun</u> <u>Digital Hub</u>. Building on the University of Oxford's world-leading research, teaching, collections, and technologies, the Digital Hub seeks to engage academics, students, staff, schools, and the public with digital research and teaching, events and activities. The Hub is designed to foster innovation with digital technology, within and across disciplines. It enables researchers to explore new methodologies and share research results in innovative ways.

The College encourages the academic achievements of its students (being regularly towards the top of the table for the best performance in final examinations) with excellent teaching, and generous and varied financial support. Similarly it celebrates and supports the academic endeavours of its Fellows, both in research and teaching.

The College held a <u>Strategic Review of its activity for 2023-2027</u>, setting out a number of important academic themes. Full information about the College is available on the <u>College</u> <u>website</u>. Information about academic staff at Jesus College, including their research and

teaching interests, may be found at <u>https://www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/about-jesus-college/our-community/people/</u>.

Medical Sciences at Jesus College

The College has one Tutorial Fellow in Medicine: Professor Shankar Srinivas and two lecturers, Dr Gillian Douglas and Dr Pamela Lear who all teach pre-clinical students. There are also a number of lecturers who support clinical medicine undergraduates: Dr Philip Baker, Dr Sam Lipworth, Mr Sotiris Mastoridis, and Dr Keiko Miyazaki. There are three Professorial Fellows: Professor Georg Holländer, Professor Yvonne Jones, and Professor Paul Riley. There are five Senior Research Fellows in Medicine and cognate fields: Professor Susan Jebb, Professor Sassy Molyneux, Professor John Powell, Professor Tatjana Sauka-Spengler, and Professor Dominic Wilkinson. There are five Hugh Price Fellows: Dr Deborah Hay, Professor Geoff Higgins, Dr Betina Ip, Dr Filipa Simões, and Dr Charly Treiber. There is one Junior Research Fellow – Dr Emma Haberman.

The College seeks to admit each year: four undergraduates for the pre-clinical and four for the clinical undergraduate courses. It also admits a number of postgraduates in a broad range of medical fields in taught and research programmes.

College Advisors

All of our postgraduates are allocated College Advisors, working in a similar field of study, with whom they can discuss academic progress and any academic or practical problems that they may encounter during their studies. Advisors are expected to meet with new advisees early in Michaelmas Term, and then offer them the opportunity to meet again during the year. Advisors normally read their advisees' termly supervision reports and attend their Annual Progress Review meeting with the Principal and Academic Director.

II BENEFITS

- 1. Dining rights: Research Associates will be entitled to 1 lunch and 2 dinners free of charge with members of the Senior Common Room (SCR) during term and vacation, except when the kitchens are closed.
- 2. Membership of the Senior Common Room (SCR): £30 p.a. charge payable
- 3. *Major Research Grants Fund*: Research Associates are eligible to apply to a cash-limited Major Research Grants Fund, currently worth approx. £40,000 per annum, once during their three-year tenure. Applications are invited in spring each year. Preference may be given to those with little access to alternative funding sources.

Please note that a Research Associateship 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 College comprises a lively multi-disciplinary and international community. Weekday lunches are a popular time and there would be excellent opportunities for Research Associates to speak to a range of Fellows and lecturers in many different disciplines. Guest Nights on Wednesdays and Fridays during term offer pleasant occasions 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 Research Associates and their guest would be most welcome.

Facilities

Research Associates may use College facilities to host seminars, colloquia and conferences of several days' duration. The Fellows' Resources Room provides networked computers, printers, and photocopiers.

III OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Guest Nights: Research Associates are limited to booking a maximum of one Guest Night per term.

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. Applicants invited for interview will be asked whether they require any particular arrangements to make the interview more convenient and effective for them. Where suitably qualified individuals are available, the selection committee will contain at least one member of either sex.

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.

IV PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

How to apply: Applicants should complete the online form at <u>https://ams.jesus.ox.ac.uk/Forms/url/ResearchAssociates</u> by **12pm, noon on 26 April 2024.**

Please note that you will be asked to upload the following (in PDF file format only):

- I. A brief expression of interest in the Research Associateship, written for a non-specialist (maximum 2 sides of A4).
- 2. A Curriculum Vitae containing a list of publications.

It is anticipated that short, online interviews will take place on 23 May 2024.

Queries may be addressed through the Academic HR Advisor, Jossie Wei, on <u>hr.academic@jesus.ox.ac.uk</u>.