



Jesus College
OXFORD

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES FURTHER PARTICULARS

I THE APPOINTMENT

The College invites applications for up to two Senior Research Fellowships in the Humanities, tenable from 1 October 2024 for three years in the first instance, with the possibility of renewal.

Criteria for appointment

1. Applicants should possess clear international academic distinction at a senior level in research in the Humanities (normally building on the College's areas of strength as exemplified by the Fellowship – see <https://www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/about-jesus-college/our-community/people/>), and be willing and able to support the College's activities by participating in College life;
2. It is expected that applicants will be employed in the University of Oxford. However, the College is happy to consider suitably qualified applicants who do not hold a University post but who are located in Oxford and associated with institutions in Oxford or who are retired but still research-active;
3. Do not already hold a college affiliation already. It is not possible to hold this Fellowship with that of another college.
4. Be willing and able to support the College's activities by participating in College life, for example by speaking at Senior and Middle Common Rooms symposia, acting as College Advisor to a small number of graduate students in cognate subject areas, assisting with development and fund-raising activities.

Applications are particularly welcome from women, and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford.

The Selection Committee will explicitly take into account any career breaks – particularly for those with caring responsibilities – or other factors, such as part-time working or disability, which may affect applicants' research output.

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, just over 330 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 [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 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 [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](#).

III ENTITLEMENTS

1. *Stipend*: there is a nominal Fellowship stipend of £205 per annum.
2. *Dining rights*: the Fellow will be entitled to lunch and dinner free of charge with members of the Senior Common Room during term and vacation, except when the kitchens are closed.
3. *Membership of the Senior Common Room (SCR)*: £60 per annum charge payable.
4. *Research Allowance*: to the value of £1,000 per annum (reviewed annually) is available towards the support of research (e.g. travel, purchase of books for research, or attendance at conferences).

5. *Major Research Grants Fund:* Senior Research Fellows are eligible to apply to a cash-limited Major Research Grants Fund, currently worth approx. £40,000 per annum. Applications are invited in Hilary and Trinity Terms each year. Preference may be given to Fellows at an early stage in their career and to those with little access to alternative funding sources.
6. *Eligibility to join the College's medical insurance scheme at own expense.*

Please note that a Senior Research Fellowship does not carry with it membership of Governing Body, although from time to time there will be a chance to assist in the College's decision-making processes through membership of College Committees and Working Groups. Fellows who hold administrative appointments within the College may be eligible for additional payments.

The College cannot offer either a College study or living accommodation to Senior Research Fellows.

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 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 Senior Research Fellow and their guest would be most welcome.

Facilities

Senior Research Fellows 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. Senior Research Fellows regularly use College facilities to host seminars, colloquia and conferences of several days' duration. 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

Period of appointment: for three years in the first instance, with the possibility of renewal for further three year periods, as long as the Fellow continues to hold a relevant post in the University of Oxford or other institution in Oxford.

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](#).

Work permits: All appointments are made in accordance with the University of Oxford Equal Opportunities Policy and Code of Practice and applications are welcomed from a wide range of candidates. The University undertakes not to discriminate unlawfully against any applicant on the basis of any information revealed.

The Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 makes it a criminal offence for employers to employ someone who is not entitled to work in the UK. We therefore ask applicants to provide proof of their right to work in the UK before employment can commence.

College Statutes: the definition of Senior Research Fellows under the College's Statute IV (iii) is as follows. "Senior Research Fellows shall be persons of distinction in some branch of knowledge whose studies in the opinion of the Governing Body are likely to produce valuable results and who undertake during their tenure of their Fellowships to study or to give advanced teaching under conditions to be approved by the Governing Body."

V APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply please complete the online form at <https://ams.jesus.ox.ac.uk/Forms/url/HPFsandSRFs> by **noon on Friday 24 May 2024**.

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

1. A covering letter
2. A Curriculum Vitae containing a list of publications
3. A statement of how you would contribute to the intellectual life of the College, and how your research profile would build on the existing academic strengths of the College (1 side of A4 will suffice)
4. A note containing the names and contact details, including email addresses, of two 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/RefForFellowships>.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that references are submitted by noon on Friday 24 May 2024. The College does not prompt referees for references.

It is anticipated that interviews will take place on Tuesday, 11 June 2024.

If interviews are conducted in-person, reasonable interview expenses will be reimbursed, and overnight accommodation can be offered if required. Interviews may be conducted remotely.

Candidates will be asked to begin the interview by speaking for no more than 5 minutes on how they will contribute to College life (no visual aids required).

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.

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