



**WOLFSON**  
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## **Non-Stipendiary Research Fellowships in Humanities and Social Sciences 2025**

The College proposes to elect up to twelve non-stipendiary Research and Junior Research Fellows in **Humanities and Social Sciences**, if candidates of sufficient merit present themselves, without limitation of subject, from **1 October 2025**. Candidates must hold a doctorate. Candidates who have received a doctorate over five years and (other than in exceptional situations) under ten years before that date will be eligible for a Research Fellowship; most candidates, who have received a doctorate less than five years before that date, will be eligible for a Junior Research Fellowship. Candidates will be required to be engaged in research, with a full-time University of Oxford contract of employment for the duration of the Fellowship or have full-time external funding for research with the formal support of a University of Oxford Department or Faculty or Wolfson College. Applications will be welcomed from candidates with caring responsibilities or a disability, who choose to work less than full-time. Candidates will also be required to spend the greater part of the academic year in Oxford, and notify the College of any changes to their circumstances, at which point the Fellowship may be reviewed.

**Junior Research Fellowships** are intended for those with limited research experience, who have recently completed or are shortly about to complete a doctorate. These Fellowships are not suitable for those at an early stage of their doctoral studies. No more than five years should have elapsed since receipt of a doctorate, other than candidates whose postdoctoral academic career has been interrupted by, for example, childbirth, family commitments, illness or compulsory military service. A statement giving reasons why an exception should be considered must be included with the application).

**Research Fellowships** are intended for those whose careers are progressing to a point where they are becoming established scholars in their field. No more than ten years should have elapsed since receipt of a doctorate, other than candidates whose postdoctoral academic career has been interrupted by, for example, childbirth, family commitments, illness or compulsory military service. A statement giving reasons why an exception should be considered must be included with the application.) Applications are encouraged from candidates holding Research Council or charity fellowships (including Royal Society University Research Fellowships, EPSRC Career Fellowships and Wellcome Trust/CRUK Career Development Fellowships). Research Fellowships are not suitable for those taking sabbatical leave from an academic post. Applications from candidates with fewer than three years of postdoctoral experience are discouraged since it is very unlikely that they will have acquired sufficient experience and seniority, and it may be more appropriate for these candidates to apply for a Junior Research Fellowship.

All Fellowships carry Common Table rights (currently up to £58.00 a week for own meals in Hall), and other benefits. Applications are particularly welcome from women, black and minority ethnic candidates who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford. Preference will be given to candidates who have not already held a Fellowship at the same level with another College.

Research and Junior Research Fellows are not *ipso facto* members of the Governing Body of the College, but they are eligible to sit on nearly all College committees and may be elected as representative members of the Governing Body. Research Fellows may be asked to act as a College Advisor to graduate students.



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### **Tenure and Renewal**

Junior Research Fellows will be elected for three years in the first instance, and may apply for renewal/election as a Research Fellow for a further four years. Research Fellows will be elected for three years in the first instance, and may apply for renewal for a further final four years. Renewal, which is not automatic, is subject to approval by the Governing Body and is considered on the basis of satisfactory progress in research, evidence of adequate financial support for the further term, and, of course, good standing in the College.

### **Funding**

The Fellowships are non-stipendiary. Candidates are asked to demonstrate their financial independence with evidence of their means of support. Where funds are applied for but not confirmed, any offer will be conditional on proof of funding being provided before the start of the Fellowship.

### **References**

References will be requested after the shortlisting stage for interview candidates who should themselves contact their two referees, asking them **without further request** to send a confidential reference to the President's Office before the interview date. References should be emailed (as a pdf) to the President's Office on [presidents.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk](mailto:presidents.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk)

### **Applications**

Applications should include:

**A completed application form (no more than two pages) and a curriculum vitae (no more than two pages). Covering letters will not be considered as part of the application.**

**Please email your complete application to arrive by the closing date to [presidents.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk](mailto:presidents.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk) Please send as ONE pdf file (excluding the optional Recruitment Monitoring form which should be sent separately as it does not constitute part of the application.)**

**OPTIONAL** – if you wish to complete and return the optional Recruitment Monitoring Form, please send as a separate pdf. It does not form part of the application.

**CLOSING DATE: SUNDAY 23 MARCH 2025**

**INTERVIEW DATE THURSDAY 15 MAY 2025**  
No alternative interview date will be offered

### **UK Border Agency legislation on the Right to Work in the UK**

Successful candidates will be required to provide satisfactory evidence of their Right to Work in the UK. This is a requirement for 'unpaid' positions as well as paid employment.



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**APPLICATION FOR A NON-STIPENDIARY RESEARCH/JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP  
IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES 2025**

**A MAXIMUM TWO PAGE CV SHOULD BE SENT IN ADDITION TO THIS APPLICATION FORM  
(MAXIMUM TWO PAGES, USE MINIMUM FONT ARIAL 11)**

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL PARTS**

NAME IN FULL (UNDERLINE LAST NAME)	
WORK ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE	
EMAIL	
EXPLAIN BRIEFLY WHY YOU WISH TO BE A RESEARCH/JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW AT WOLFSON COLLEGE	
HOW MANY PAPERS OR BOOKS HAVE YOU PUBLISHED AS LEAD AUTHOR? MAJOR PUBLICATIONS SHOULD BE LISTED IN YOUR CV Do not include link to full publication list	
DETAILS OF YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT AND HIGHLIGHT YOUR MOST SIGNIFICANT RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS (max 150 words)	
EXPECTED DATE OF DOCTORATE (IF NOT ALREADY AWARDED) OR DATE ON WHICH IT WAS AWARDED	
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD DEPARTMENT OR FACULTY WHERE YOU HOLD A CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT OR EXTERNAL FUNDING	
SOURCE OF YOUR FUNDING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD AND DATE THE FUNDING ENDS	

Applications should be submitted to:

The President's Office, Wolfson College, Oxford OX2 6UD  
[presidents.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk](mailto:presidents.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk)

Please email your application as a single pdf file by the closing date.