

Jesus College, Cambridge

Arts Research Fellowship

Further Particulars

Jesus College, Cambridge invites applications each year for two stipendiary Research Fellowships in the following subjects: **Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic Studies; Education Studies; English; Law; Modern Languages; Theology.**

The Fellowships will normally be tenable for three years from **1 October 2027.**

To access the Research Fellowship application system, you are required to register online. This enables you to save your application and to revisit/edit before submitting it, or to check the status of your application. The online system, <https://jrf.jesus.cam.ac.uk> will be available from **Monday 3 August 2026.**

Applications AND referees' reports must be received by **5pm on Wednesday 30 September 2026.**

Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted. Please make sure that your application and your referees' reports reach us before the closing date of **Wednesday 30 September 2026.**

Eligibility Requirements:

Application for a Research Fellowship is open to those in the following disciplines within the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences:

Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic Studies; Education Studies; English; Law; Modern Languages; Theology.

The College expects to select a person with an excellent record of research in their chosen subject and the potential to pursue that research at the highest level.

These Fellowships are intended for researchers early in their careers. Successful candidates are expected to be either graduate students, probably in the latter stages of their research leading to a PhD Degree, or post-doctoral researchers who have recently been awarded their PhD Degree. Candidates who have undertaken more than five years of full-time research are unlikely to be considered. The College is prepared to consider exceptions to these criteria and candidates have the opportunity to present a case for this during the application process.

Further details can be found on

https://jrf.jesus.cam.ac.uk/rf_2027_arts/home/eligibility_requirements/ once the competition has opened on Monday 3 August 2026.

The Fellowship is a fixed-term three-year Research Fellowship normally commencing on 1 October 2027.

Statements of research are required and should be not more than 2,000 words, outlining the work candidates would submit in support of their applications and the research they propose to pursue if elected. In particular, please note that it is important to propose a new project—beyond revision of doctoral research—that would be undertaken should the candidate be elected to a fellowship. Please also note that the statement will be read by people outside as well as inside the candidate's own discipline and should therefore be intelligible to scholars in other subjects.

Samples of written work are not required at this stage, but it is essential to have such written work readily accessible, because those candidates whose applications are shortlisted for further assessment will be invited in November 2026 to upload a copy of their chosen written work. Shortlisted candidates will also be asked for a 500 words statement regarding the importance of their current and proposed work. Please ensure that contact details on the application are kept updated.

The College is concerned with the quality, rather than quantity, of the work submitted but in order that an informed assessment may be made, it is important that sufficient material be available. As a rough guide, it is recommended that the work for submission to external assessors should be not more than about 40,000 words. If the work is not received by the deadline, candidates will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition. The submitted work need not be in its final form but must provide evidence of outstanding originality and promise. Candidates must notify the College if they accept a Research Fellowship at another college.

Submitted work should normally be written in English. If candidates are intending to submit work in a foreign language, they should give notice by indicating this on their application where they enter the title of the work.

Applications, including two referees' reports, must be submitted online by 5pm on Wednesday 30 September 2026.

Fellowship Details:

The stipend for a Research Fellow is set by reference to the University of Cambridge salary scale and subject to any increases in that scale. **Steps 35 (£32,882)** is applied over the three years of Fellowship.

The College is able to assist in the provision of subsidised accommodation for Research Fellows (subject to availability).

The College will pay a 'bench fee', of the order of £12k pa (subject to annual review), to allow a Research Fellow to access University Department facilities.

Free dinner (or lunch) is provided for all Research Fellows regardless of whether they live in or out of College. Research Fellows may also join the University's Pension Scheme, and the College is prepared, where appropriate, to make a contribution to university fees.

A Research Fellow may be invited to undertake a small amount of undergraduate teaching during Term, but will not be permitted to undertake other paid work or to hold other offices and awards except by permission of the College Council.