



Magdalene College CAMBRIDGE

(Junior) Research Fellow. The Armstrong/Eliot Research Fellowship

The College

Magdalene College is one of the ancient colleges of the University of Cambridge, admitting students in all subjects, with about 330 undergraduates and about 120 postgraduate student and approximately 70 teaching and research fellows, and lecturers. There are 40 official fellows who are effectively the trustees of the College and meet three times a term as the Governing Body. The President of the College (the Senior Fellow) represents JRFs and others on the Governing Body. Some JRFs are invited to be on committees in areas of their expertise or interests.

The College intends to appoint a (Junior) Research Fellow to commence October 2024, for three years. This is a non-renewable position.

Purpose of Job: This is a research post for an early career academic to study and publish on T S Eliot and his contemporaries. The College is fortunate that Eliot, who was an Honorary Fellow, gave a number of manuscripts and marked-up proofs to the College. His widow, Valerie Eliot, subsequently left to the College a collection of books which he and she had owned, many of them editions of Eliot's works. It is hoped that the successful candidate will relish the opportunity to work with this prime source material. The main focus of research is expected to contribute to our knowledge and understanding of the writings of Eliot. The College will provide mentoring to assist the research fellow to develop their career and to participate in the University, College and wider intellectual life. The researcher is expected to publish their findings in the duration of the fellowship; and following a probationary period, continued funding each year will be dependent on satisfactory progress. A programme of work for the duration of the fellowship will be agreed with the successful candidate, who will report at predetermined stages to a panel appointed by the Academic Committee. The JRF will be expected to assist actively to make available to the wider scholarly world materials which are housed at Magdalene, promoting the study of the collection: one public lecture is expected during the period of the fellowship and the JRF is expected to write at least one post for the libraries blog.

Teaching is not a requirement of the post, but opportunities for teaching and for supervision training will be made available to the successful candidate in discussion with the Director of Studies in English.

Eligibility: The successful candidate must have completed a PhD or equivalent before the commencement of the post. As an early career appointment, the successful candidate will have completed their PhD not earlier than 2018, unless the candidate has taken a career break. Please contact us for guidance if you have taken a career break, such as to look after a family or as a carer.

The College Collections: Magdalene College has three Libraries and the College Archives. We have recently completed a project to build a new student library and archives centre with greatly enhanced provision. The Stirling award-winning New Building comprises a superb working library, an Archive Centre with work room and environmentally controlled storage (including rolling stacks) and an art gallery. There are additional plans to renovate the historic library buildings in first and second court, which will enhance our facilities for visitors, readers and conservation.

The College Library is our working library, used by students and Fellows. There is seating currently available for about 150 readers as well as office space for staff.

The Pepys Library is the collection of 3000 books left to the College by Samuel Pepys when he died in 1703. It is housed on the middle floor of the Pepys Building, along with office space for staff. It is used extensively by scholars and other readers as well as being open to the general public.

The Old Library is the historic library of the College, and books, papers and a number of special collections. Containing important collections such as the papers of the Ferrar family (seventeenth-century), books of A C Benson (early twentieth century), and the collections of the literary critic I A Richards (twentieth-century) and Dorothea Richards, the pioneering mountaineer. With an impressive collection of books and maps from medieval manuscripts to fine printing of the present day, the Old Library attracts readers throughout the year. The T S Eliot, Rudyard Kipling, Mary Astell and C S Lewis collections are especially popular.

The College Archives have recently been moved to the new custom-made Archive Centre. The Archives contain a range of materials relating to the history of the College, including documents, photographs, personal papers, and other items. There is an Archives Handlist (not currently online) which is the main finding aid for the collection, however the College has recently subscribed to AtoM and there is a programme of cataloguing to enable the discoverability of the collections. Usually at least one or two of the exhibitions held each year include Archival material.

Salary, Benefits and Conditions:

- The post is full time for a maximum period of three years.
- The post is offered at a salary of £26,315, however this is likely to be subject to a cost-of-living rise prior to the post holder taking up the role.
- There will be a six-month probationary period.
- The post-holder will be eligible to join the USS pension scheme.
- The post holder will be offered single accommodation in College or the College estates. There is no payment in lieu of accommodation not taken. Use of a shared day study in College will be offered to post holders not resident in College.
- The JRF will be able to eat free of charge on the High Table on occasions when meals are provided for fellows. There is a charge for wine taken and for guests.
- The College has excellent conference facilities in Cripps Court, and fellows enjoy special arrangements for booking a conference or lecture.
- There is provision for expenses for the successful candidate to allow one or more visits to other archives or libraries, and the College will assist in making applications for external funding.
- The postholder is expected to be based in Cambridge. Applications to work away should be made to the Senior Tutor. Apart from limited supervision work in Cambridge and any grants which might be obtained, the postholder is not permitted to undertake paid work elsewhere.
- The post holder will be required to evidence their right to work in the UK. Given proposed changes to the immigration system it is unlikely that College will be able to sponsor the post holder for a Skilled Worker Visa. However, having obtained a PhD the post holder is likely to be able to apply for a Global Talent visa.

Enquiries:

Further enquiries may be addressed to The President's PA:
research-fellows@magd.cam.ac.uk.

The deadline for applications is 12 noon, British Summer Time, Friday, 31st May 2024, which should be made electronically on the Cambridge University Fellowship Application System (FAS). Please note that referees must submit their commendations via FAS by the deadline. Applications which are incomplete will not be considered.

**Please visit the Magdalene College's website for details on how to apply:
<https://www.magd.cam.ac.uk/about/vacancies/academic>**

Interviews will take place at Magdalene College on **Wednesday, July 10th, 2024.**

4th April 2024

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