JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD

VISITING SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2017-18:
FURTHER PARTICULARS

I THE APPOINTMENT

The College welcomes applications for a Visiting Senior Research Fellowship, tenable for a maximum of one year from 1 October 2017.

Criteria for appointment

The successful candidate will meet the following criteria.

1. Possess clear international academic distinction in research
2. Hold a remunerated post in another University or equivalent
3. Have a plan for spending time in Oxford to pursue his/her research
4. Preferably wish to spend a whole academic year in Oxford, although consideration may be given to those who wish to spend one or two terms in Oxford.
5. The VSRF is open to candidates from any field of research, although there is a preference this year for candidates in the Humanities & Social Sciences.
6. Be willing and able to support the College’s activities by participating in College life.

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 38 constituent colleges of Oxford University. With Professor Sir Nigel Shadbolt FREng, as its Principal, the College comprises over 70 Fellows, 25 lecturers, 200 graduates, 350 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.

The College warmly supports the academic endeavours of its Fellows, both in research and teaching. The College held a Strategic Review of its activity for 2011-16 (available at http://www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/about-jesus-college/public-documents), setting out a number of important academic themes.
Full information about the College is available on the college website: www.jesus.ox.ac.uk. Information about the Fellows of the College, including their research and teaching interests, may be found at http://www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/people/fellows-and-lecturers.

III BENEFITS

1. Free accommodation: a flat comprising one bedroom, a study, a living room, kitchen and bathroom. The flat is suitable for a single person or couple only, and we regret that children cannot be accommodated. The flat is in Thelwall House, located at the College’s annexe site at Herbert Close in east Oxford, next to the College’s playing fields. More information may be found at http://www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/admissions/annexe-sites (The Fellow will be responsible for utility charges.)

Please note that no alternative accommodation can be offered.

2. Dining rights: the Fellow will be entitled to lunch and dinner free of charge with the Senior Common Room during term and vacation, except when the kitchens are closed.

3. Study in College: equipped with standard computer and printer

4. Membership of the Senior Common Room (small charge payable)

5. Stipend: there is a nominal Fellowship stipend of £180 p.a., which is paid to all Fellows as laid down in the College’s ancient Statutes

Please note that a Visiting Senior Research Fellowship does not carry with it membership of Governing Body.

Intellectual life

Each term there are a number of events when members of the Senior and Middle Common Rooms meet to present and discuss their research, or to hear visiting speakers. For instance, at one recent SCR-MCR research symposium, there were talks by the Principal on “Artificial Intelligence: Fact & Fiction” and by a Junior Research Fellow on “Exploration and Description of the Island Frivola: a new axiological territory”. Additional events throughout the year include lecturer recitals and student musical, dramatic and choral productions.

The College community

Many Fellows lunch in College on a very regular basis, making it a lively and popular event. There would be excellent opportunities for the Visiting Senior Research Fellow to speak to a broad range of other Fellows and lecturers in many different disciplines. The College’s Guest Nights on Wednesdays and certain Fridays during term offer very pleasant occasions for entertaining 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 Visiting Senior Research Fellow and his/her guest would be most welcome. Lunches and dinners of a high standard may also on occasion be hosted by Fellows for professional or personal purposes.
**Facilities**

Visiting Senior Research Fellows may make use of the College’s well-equipped seminar and other rooms for teaching, meetings, entertainment, conferences etc., and can book accommodation for guests in dedicated Fellows’ guest rooms. 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**

*Equal opportunities.* Jesus College is an equal opportunities employer. Where suitably qualified individuals are available, the selection committee will contain at least one member of either sex.

Applications are particularly welcome from women and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford. Subject to statutory provisions, no applicant or fellow will be treated less favourably than another because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

*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 1998 and the College’s Data Protection Policy.

**V PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION AND APPOINTMENT**

*How to apply:* Applications should be sent to the Principal, Jesus College, Oxford, OX1 3DW by **Friday 17 February 2017**, comprising a CV, a proposal for the use of the time in Oxford and the names and contact details of three referees. There is no application form. It is the responsibility of applicants to ask their referees to send their references direct to the Principal's secretary by the same date. Electronic applications and references are accepted and should be sent to helen.gee@jesus.ox.ac.uk.

Applicants are requested to inform their referees that, under the 1998 Data Protection Act, the references they provide will be regarded as disclosable to the subject of the reference unless marked “strictly confidential”. This instruction must appear on the letter of reference itself and not just on the envelope in which the letter is contained. Referees should also be asked to note that even where a reference is marked “strictly confidential” it could still be disclosed to the subject of the reference if that subject so requested and the College’s Data Protection Officer deemed it appropriate.

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.

*Dr Fiona Whitehouse*

*Acting Academic Director*

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