JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN ENGLISH

The Queen’s College, founded in 1341, is one of the oldest Colleges in the University of Oxford and represents most aspects of the University community and its scientific and scholarly work. There are approximately 45 fellows, about 160 graduate students and about 330 undergraduates. English is represented by a Tutorial Fellow (Dr Rebecca Beasley), a Career Development Fellow (Dr Katherine Hunt) and two part time Lecturers (Dr Steven Kaye and Dr Helen Appleton), and graduates and undergraduates studying English, both as a single honours subject and in combination with Modern Languages, History and Classics.

The College has one of the finest College libraries in Oxford, currently being expanded to provide new reading rooms and enhanced accommodation for its special collections. The Queen’s College Symposium meets twice a term for graduate students and faculty to showcase their research and discuss their interests. The College has literary, drama and film societies, a creative writing magazine, and organises regular talks by writers, translators and critics. It is one of the three colleges that sponsor the annual Weidenfeld Translation Prize, and has included English in its rota of Junior Research Fellowship since the 1960s.

The Faculty of English Language and Literature at Oxford is the largest English department in the UK, with a distinguished research record. It currently has around 80 permanent members of academic staff, with about the same number again of tutors and research fellows based in colleges. Its vibrant and diverse research culture includes prestigious lecture series, nine regular research seminars, frequent conferences, and events and networks organised in association with the Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH).

The Governing Body of The Queen’s College proposes to elect to a Junior Research Fellowship in English, tenable for three years. The successful candidate will enter upon the Fellowship on 1st October 2017 to pursue a programme of advanced research in English Literature, typically leading to the publication of a book or series of articles. The College actively supports activities that engage with and develop its intellectual culture, and facilities and funds are available to support exhibitions conferences, and workshops. The Fellow will also hold membership of the Faculty of English.

The Fellowship is open to graduates of any University of postdoctoral or equivalent standing, who are already engaged in independent research. Eligible candidates should have submitted their doctoral thesis and have no more than three years of post-doctoral research experience by the closing date, nor have held a research fellowship elsewhere.

The basic stipend of the Fellowship, which is pensionable under the Universities Superannuation Scheme, is £22,000 (under review) subject to adjustment in the light of any other emoluments enjoyed by the Fellow or in the light of any general alteration to University stipends. The Fellow will be entitled to free meals in College, and either residential rooms free of charge or a housing allowance of £6,000 and a non-residential study room. The Fellow will be entitled, in addition, to make applications for Research Grants up to a maximum of £1000 per annum and to a grant of up to £900 over three years for the purchase of a personal computer. The Fellow is expected to be resident in or near Oxford and to contribute to College life. The Fellow may, with the leave of the Governing Body, engage in teaching up to a maximum of six hours weekly and, if teaching, would normally be expected to give priority to the College’s own teaching needs.

Candidates should submit an electronic copy of their application to The Academic Administrator not later than noon on Monday, 19th December 2016

Applications should include the completed application form, covering letter, CV and a research statement of not more than 2,000 words describing the candidate’s doctoral research and plans for the Fellowship period. Candidates should provide the names of two referees, who should be asked to send references direct to The Academic Administrator by noon on Monday, 19th December 2016.

Selected applicants will be asked to send a substantial piece of their research (no more than an article or a chapter) and it is expected that those shortlisted will be interviewed in early February.

Senior Tutor
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