FURTHER PARTICULARS

Non-Stipendiary Research Fellowship in Mathematics or Sciences
Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge

Applications are invited for a non-stipendiary Research Fellowship from 1 October 2020 for three years.

Eligibility

The successful candidate will be required to conduct research in any subject area in the Sciences or Mathematics other than Engineering. (The College defines subject areas according to the Degree Committee under which the research would naturally fall in the University of Cambridge.)

The Fellowship is for a fixed period of three years: extensions will be considered only in exceptional circumstances.

Applicants should:

(i) have completed a PhD or have a clear expectation of doing so prior to 1 October 2020;
(ii) have completed no more than two years (f.t.e.) of postdoctoral research at the time of application;
(iii) have secured full research funding (including salary) for three years from 1 October 2020, or have a clear expectation of such funding;
(iv) have secured permission from a Department, Faculty, Institution, Laboratory or equivalent in the University of Cambridge for the use of any facilities necessary for the intended research; and
(v) have demonstrated to their funders their right to work in the UK.

Remuneration and Benefits

The successful candidate will be elected to a Fellowship of the College, with which further obligations and privileges are associated; these include membership of the Governing Body of the College, the prime decision-making body which meets seven times each year. The College is an educational charity and each member of the Governing Body is a Trustee. The appointment is subject to the Statutes and Ordinances of the College. Fellows are expected to participate in the communal life and governance of the College and to promote, develop and extend the affairs and reputation of the College. All Fellows are expected to devote time to the important task of interviewing and selecting prospective undergraduate students, and to participate in relevant open days and widening participation activities. Research Fellows also are members of the College’s Postdoctoral Society, which holds research events and termly dinners.

The Fellowship is non-stipendiary. Fellows are normally required to live in the Cambridge area, although exemptions may be granted in certain circumstances. Rent-free single accommodation will be offered in College (a taxable benefit), with a charge to cover services. Alternatively if the Fellow is not resident in College, study facilities will be made available and an allowance (currently £3,469) paid. The College operates a Housing Loan scheme to assist in the purchase of a residential property in the Cambridge area.

Each Research Fellow is allocated an annual allowance of £1000, which may be claimed for academic purposes such as the purchase of books and computing equipment or attendance at conferences. Unused allowances may be carried forward for up to three years. Additional grants may sometimes be made to assist with certain approved research expenses which are not covered by departmental, faculty or other sources.

A Research Fellow is entitled to all meals (either lunch or dinner) at College expense whenever the kitchens are open. Up to three of these meals each week may be assigned to guests; and further meals (for the Fellow and guests) are available at the Fellow’s expense.

Research Fellows may be invited to offer a limited amount of small group (supervision) teaching to
undergraduate students of the college; such teaching is separately remunerated at a rate ⅓ more than the standard Cambridge inter-college rate.

A mentor will be allocated throughout the period of the Fellowship. Research Fellows are required to submit a report on their research each year, which will be considered at an annual appraisal.

The College

Fitzwilliam College, which was founded in 1869, is one of thirty one colleges in the University of Cambridge and occupies a seven acre site with fine modern buildings on Castle Hill on the north side of the City Centre, the main entrance being in Storey’s Way. The College is an independent institution, comprising Master, Fellows, and students. The Fellows, about 55 in number, are generally engaged in the teaching of undergraduates and in research, in a wide range of subjects. There are approximately 450 undergraduates at the College, who normally live within the College itself or in one of the College-owned houses nearby. There are approximately 350 postgraduate students, many of whom also live on the main site or in nearby houses. Members of the College have access to an outstanding library, opened in 2010, and to the interdisciplinary stimulation of active academic, cultural and recreational societies within the College, as well as all the opportunities available across the University. The College has a large and enthusiastic body of alumni, a number of whom have contributed to funds to support present members.

Further information about the College may be found at www.fitz.cam.ac.uk.

Fitzwilliam College values diversity and is committed to equality of opportunity. Applications are welcome from everyone irrespective of age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, pregnancy, maternity/paternity, marital status or civil partnership, race, national original, sexual orientation or any other protected characteristic.

The College will not restrict its consideration to applicants seeking full-time appointments. Applications for part-time (or job share) appointments will be welcomed. Applicants should make clear on their applications if they wish to be considered for a part-time or job share appointment.

The College reserves the right not to make an appointment, and not to limit its choice to those who apply.

Application Process

Applications should be sent to Alice Bevington, Master’s Assistant, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge CB3 0DG (by email: masters.assistant@fitz.cam.ac.uk) to arrive no later than midday on Friday 24 April 2020. Applicants should provide a covering letter and a curriculum vitae with details of their educational record, the research on which they are engaged and the nature of their funding and institutional arrangements in Cambridge; both documents should be in pdf format. The names of two referees should also be given and it will assist the appointments committee if candidates ask their referees to send their references to the Master’s Assistant by the closing date without waiting for a formal invitation from the College. Selected candidates will be called for interview on Thursday 21 May, and will be asked to submit written work for prior consideration. Given the current situation, it is anticipated that interviews will be conducted remotely. Queries should be directed to the Master’s Assistant.

Data Protection

Personal data that you supply to the College will be used solely for the purpose of this recruitment and managing the membership of the successful applicant. Data is processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. For more information see www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/data-protection.