Applications are invited for an Isaac Newton Trust Rutherford Research Fellowship in Business & Management; Divinity; Economics; History & Philosophy of Science; Human, Social and Political Sciences (including Archaeology, Social Anthropology, POLIS, Sociology); Land Economy; Law; or Philosophy.

This Early Career Research Fellowship will normally be tenable for three years from 1 October 2021. It is open to graduates of any University, with no age limit, but will normally be awarded to candidates who have recently completed their PhD or are close to completion. Successful applicants typically have several publications to their names, appearing in high-ranking journals, as well as an outstanding proposal and very strong references.

Responsibilities, Remuneration and Benefits

The prime duty of a Research Fellow is to pursue research. A report on the progress of that research will be required each year, and will be considered at an annual appraisal. Research Fellows are frequently invited, but not obligated, to undertake (for an additional payment) up to four hours of small group teaching per week. A mentor will be allocated throughout the period of the Fellowship.

The successful candidate will be elected to a Fellowship of the College, with which certain 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 of which each Fellow is a Trustee. The appointments are subject to the Statutes and Ordinances of the College.

The 2020-21 pensionable rates are: pre-PhD £19,612 - £22,417, post PhD £21,236 - £23,754. These rates will be reviewed annually from 2021 in line with stipends generally within the College. A stipendiary Fellow already holding an award from another organisation, such as a Research Council or similar body, will be paid a stipend from the date such an award expires. Rent-free single accommodation will be offered in College (a taxable benefit), with a charge to cover services. An allowance, which is currently £3,469, is paid to any Research Fellow not resident in College, and study facilities are made available. The College operates a housing loan scheme which is designed to assist Fellows with the purchase of a residential property in the Cambridge area.

Research Fellows are 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.

An annual allowance of £1,000 is provided for use for academic purposes including 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.

The Isaac Newton Trust Rutherford Research Fellowship is supported by awards from the Isaac Newton Trust and from Trinity College, Cambridge.

The College

Fitzwilliam College, which was founded in 1869, is one of 31 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 60 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. The College values diversity and is committed to equality of opportunity.

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

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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
Fitzwilliam is part of a group of Colleges operating a Joint Application Scheme for Early Career Research Fellowships. A total of three Fellowships are being offered in this cycle, at Fitzwilliam and Trinity Hall, but candidates are advised that competition is likely to be intense; last year over 1000 applications were received.

Candidates are warned that they are responsible for checking their eligibility to take up the post under UK immigration rules.

Full information regarding the Fellowships on offer, further particulars and registration details will be available at the Joint Application Scheme website on 9 October 2020: http://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/applying/fellows/jrf/

All applications to be submitted online by Monday 9 November 2020

Data Protection
Personal data that you supply via the Joint Application Scheme or otherwise 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 and will be shared with the Isaac Newton Trust and with the University of Cambridge. For more information see www.fitz.cam.ac.uk/data-protection