Non-Stipendiary Postdoctoral Research Fellowships at St Edmund’s College

Notes to Candidates

St Edmund’s College is a Graduate College of the University of Cambridge, founded in 1896, which admits diverse academic disciplines and many nationalities. The College stands in six and a half acres of landscaped grounds in the northwest area of Cambridge, in easy reach of the city centre, the University Library, the Arts and Humanities Faculties on the Sidgwick site and the scientific centres in west Cambridge. The principal focus of the College is in students for the PhD or other postgraduate degrees, but in addition there is a smaller number of mature undergraduates. The Master, Catherine Arnold OBE, Fellows and about 500 students, form a single community for dining and for all social purposes. Spouses and families of members are made welcome to dine in College and to play an active role in the social life. As a relatively small College, St Edmund’s is able to provide a friendly atmosphere for its members, in which it is easy to get to know people in a short time.

The Master and Title A-D Fellows comprise the Governing Body of the College, which meets at least once a term. The College Council, comprising the senior Officers and six elected members from among the other Fellows, plus two student representatives, meets about three times a Term.

Postdoctoral Research Fellows (as Title B Fellows) have the full rights of Fellowship within the College and are voting members of the College’s Governing Body. They are expected to attend meetings of the Governing Body. In due course, they might also be invited to become a member of other College committees.

The Governing Body of St Edmund’s intends to elect up to four postdoctoral, non-stipendiary Research Fellows for a period of 2 years, potentially renewable for a further two years, starting not earlier than 1 October 2020. The closing date for the receipt of full applications and references is 6 January 2020.

Non-stipendiary Research Fellows will be expected to demonstrate that they have secured full financial support required for their research and living costs for the period, and applicants should obtain a letter from the Head of the Department in which they will be working to confirm that they will be conducting their research under the supervision of a University Department. Fellows are required to live in Cambridge during term, but leave of absence can be granted to work away if necessary. They are entitled to Fellows’ Dining Privileges. The successful candidate may have the opportunity, subject to availability, of applying for
accommodation on site.

Research Fellowships are normally, but by no means invariably, awarded to applicants who are at a fairly early stage in their research career. Applicants should be of postdoctoral level or expect to attain it by 1 October 2020. The award of a Fellowship will be the result of a competition and normally will involve interviewing short-listed candidates.

The recruitment timetable is for invitations to short-listed candidates to be issued by the end of January 2020, and interviews will be held w/c 10 February 2020. The recommendations will go to the Governing Body for formal election in March 2020.

Applications should include a current *curriculum vitae*, two named referees and a Research Proposal, which should not normally exceed 1000 words. Candidates should also return the completed checklist and submit full details of their contact address, telephone number and email address.

**Applicants should note that no candidates will be elected into a Research Fellowship until they have submitted for examination for PhD/DPhil and have passed.**

*THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS AND REFERENCES IS* **Monday 6 January 2020.**

The College will not solicit references. *It is your responsibility to ask the referees named on the Application to send their references to the Nominations Committee (via the College Administrator, email: college.administrator@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk) before Monday 6 January 2020. Please send them the guidance notes below.*

Applications received other than in the correct form or incomplete or late will not be considered.
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Guidance for Referees

Referees are required to send to the Nominations Committee (via the College Administrator, email: college.administrator@st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk) comments on the suitability of the applicant as a potential Research Fellow. Opinions are sought on academic ability, the quality of previous research, as well as any future plans and potential research impact.