

## **KING'S COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE in association with the FACULTY OF ECONOMICS and the SHARE initiative**

### **Stipendiary Research Fellowship in the Economics of Inequality 2022–2026**

Historically, capitalism has driven wealth creation and promoted individual endeavour and creativity at the cost of huge inequalities in the distribution of wealth and assets. Political solutions to resolve inequality, involving enforced redistribution of wealth through taxation or other means, have led to soaring public debt and social discord. Unequal wealth distribution is arguably the largest, most intractable economic problem humanity currently faces. Past critiques have assumed that capitalism itself is the problem, but could a more egalitarian system of capitalism empower individuals from all backgrounds, provide them with the opportunities to fulfill their potential, and offer an economic solution to inequality?

King's College in partnership with the Faculty of Economics Cambridge, and through the generosity of the SHARE initiative (*Supporting Human Achievement through Research based on Egalitarian Principles*) is inviting applications for a four-year Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship from those who are completing or have recently completed a doctorate and who intend to pursue a research project on some aspect of the study of issues related to Egalitarian Capitalism. This post-doctoral Fellowship is intended to enable the successful candidate to complete a substantial research project. Possible areas of research include intergenerational wealth transfer; human capital (*improving inequality and productivity through education and training*); disintermediation; and mass ownership.

The Research Fellow will join a dynamic group co-ordinated in the Faculty of Economics by Prof. Eric French, including a dedicated PhD studentship. It is envisaged that the members of the group will work independently but to mutual advantage, to achieve significant exposure for the initiative both through academic publication in top international journals and through conferences, web presence, and appropriate media impact.

The successful candidate will also be part of a group of post-doctoral research Fellows at King's working across a wide range of 'grand challenge' problems that affect societies in an interconnected world, and facilitating a flow of critical knowledge from the university into the community by bringing major community issues into the university. Existing Research Fellows include those working on issues of Urban Studies, Gender Studies, Race, Equality, Representation, Immateriality, Prejudice and Punishment. These projects aim to develop and consolidate crucial fields of study that are currently too narrowly restricted in their practitioners and/or their objects of analysis, and to strengthen the intellectual framework for international and global approaches to the humanities by tackling related issues that can only properly be understood when tackled globally.