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Research Fellowships

Each year, the college holds competitions for Research Fellowships, both Stipendiary and non-Stipendiary. These support gifted young researchers for four years; generally Research Fellows are appointed within two years of the award of a doctorate.

The Fellowships give young researchers an opportunity to establish their career before moving on to become fully independent researchers. Research Fellows have freedom to carry out their chosen research projects within the academic environment of the College and the University departments.

Usually, Research Fellows are appointed by the College Research Committee following interviews in mid-July and mid-January. One Fellow is usually appointed in sciences and one in arts and humanities on each occasion. For July appointments, advertisements will appear in April and May, with closing dates for applications between the end of April and beginning of June. Shortlisted candidates will be informed in mid-June to early July. For January appointments, advertisements will appear in August with closing dates in September. Shortlisted candidates will be informed in the first part of December.

Applications are welcome from graduates of any university. Advertisements and further particulars will appear below when competitions are announced.

STIPENDIARY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES 2022

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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.

Research Fellows are members of the Governing Body, with full privileges of Fellows. In addition to pursuing research, a Research Fellow is required to live in Cambridge or close by and to participate in College life and activity. Privileges include all meals, limited financial support for expenses associated with research, the possibility of an office/residential accommodation in College properties. Although these are research posts, Research Fellows are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to undertake a small amount of University and/or College teaching.

The stipend attached to a Research Fellowship is £22,000 (pre award of doctorate), £24,443 (after award of doctorate), rising each year to a maximum of £28,313. An accommodation allowance of £3,530 is paid to all Stipendiary Research Fellows, and an

additional living-out allowance of up to £4,000, depending on income, is available to those Fellows not living in college-owned accommodation. Additional payment is made for any undergraduate teaching and teaching and other services within the Economics Faculty. Further information about the College may be obtained from the **College website** (https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/).

ELIGIBILITY:

Graduates of any university are eligible. Applicants will usually have completed their PhD but must not have undertaken more than 2 years of postdoctoral work by 1 October 2022 *(i.e. your PhD cannot have been granted before 30 September 2020).*

The College has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK. If you do not have the right to work in the UK already, any offer we make will be conditional upon you gaining it. The College will give informal advice and assistance but ultimately it will be the responsibility of the candidate to obtain the necessary visa requirements of the United Kingdom.

DATES:

- The closing date for application is **9 am** (UK local time) on **Friday 22 October 2021**. Applications received after this date and time will not be considered.
- Applicants will be notified in late October and will be expected to provide within 5 days a writing sample of not more than 20,000 words.
- Short-listed applicants will be notified in mid-November, and invited for interview on Wednesday 24 November. Please ensure that you will be available for interview on this date, as it is not possible to arrange other times for interviews.
- The Fellowship will begin no later than 1 October 2022 in which case it will run until 30 September 2026. If the successful applicant is able to begin his/her fellowship sooner, it may be possible to arrange this.

APPLICATION:

To apply use the following **link** (https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/inequality.aspx) to go to the FAS website and create an application:

Before the closing date, applicants must complete all sections of the online Fellowship Application and upload onto the website (PDF only) the following:

- A curriculum vitae (of no more than three A4 sides) including details of higher education, degrees awarded, positions held and a list of publications.
- A *document containing descriptions of your current research and of the research you propose to undertake during the Fellowship (*up to 2,000 words, excluding bibliography, references, footnotes, endnotes).
- Applicants must also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be uploaded onto the site in PDF format by the closing date of **Friday 22 October 2021**. Each referee should be asked to provide the names of two further readers, not in the candidate's

institution, to whom work might be sent if the candidate is long-listed. **It is the duty of the candidate to ensure that the referees submit the references before the closing date**.

Your referees will need to provide their references through the FAS website. They will be sent an email containing a link to do this. Referees unable to submit references electronically via the FAS website may e-mail the **competition administrator**. (mailto:sally.thorp@kings.cam.ac.uk ?

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Please note that all application materials must be in the English language.

The application will not be considered in the competition until it has been submitted and all references have been received. An email will be sent once this has occurred.

In late October, the College will contact long-listed applicants by email to ask for samples of written work, up to 20,000 words *(either chapters of a doctoral thesis or **published papers)*. This work must be supplied within 5 days of the sending of the e-mail.

**You will need to include a covering written statement, which explains your precise contribution, if your work sample includes multi-author paper(s).

FURTHER QUESTIONS

If you have any further questions regarding any aspect of the competition, please e-mail the competition administrator (mailto:sally.thorp@kings.cam.ac.uk? subject=Stipendiary%20Research%20Fellowship%20in%20the%20Economics%20of%20Inequa

King's College follows an equal opportunities policy.



CURRENT RESEARCH (/RESEARCH/CURRENT-RESEARCH)

Fellows at King's carry out a huge variety of research, from investigating the origin of the Universe to uncovering the classical world.



Research News

New funding help for King's graduate students 15 Jul 2021

(/news/2021/new-funding-help-

kings-graduate-students)

Two generous gifts towards graduate students are helping enable students without existing financial means to undertake further study.



WINNERS OF THE 2021 ENTREPRENEURSHIP PRIZE ANNOUNCED 13 Jul 2021

(/news/2021/winners-2021entrepreneurship-prize-announced) Perfexia and Caravaggio's Chair have both been awarded prizes from the judging panel.



Read more (/news/2021/winners-2021-entrepreneurship-prize-announced) DR ERIKA SWALES (1937-2021) 5 Jul 2021

(/news/2021/dr-erika-swales-1937-2021)

We are saddened to report the death of Dr Erika Swales, Fellow at King's since 1980 and College Lecturer in German.

Read more (/news/2021/dr-erika-swales-1937-2021)



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