The Governing Body of Downing College, Cambridge, invites applications for election to an Everitt Butterfield Research Fellowship, starting on 1 October 2020 and continuing until 30 September 2023 when the Fellowship will terminate. The Fellowship will be open to postgraduates working in any area of Biological Sciences related to Medicine or Clinical Sciences.

When applications have been reviewed, the competition will include assessment of selected candidates’ submitted work, which may for example be a published paper(s), manuscript in press or a thesis chapter(s), but must not exceed 10,000 words. A small number of candidates will then be invited for interview. Anyone interested in applying for the Fellowship should note that the standard needed to progress to the later stages of the competition is high.

The Everitt Butterfield Research Fellowship is open to postgraduates of any university and is intended to support the early careers of exceptionally talented researchers who will go on to make significant contributions to Medicine and the Biological Sciences related to Medicine in the future. Research Fellowships have generally been awarded to candidates who are approaching the end of their doctoral research or are commencing postdoctoral study. The stipend is £30,942. (This figure is reviewed annually and standard increments awarded during the coming academic year will be included before October 2020.) A non-stipendiary Fellowship will be offered to the successful applicant if they already hold a funded research position.

The successful applicant will become a Fellow of the College and will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Fellow. All Fellows are entitled to seven meals a week in College, either lunch or dinner, at College expense. Other Fellowship benefits include an academic expenses allowance of £550 per annum and a Fund administered by five senior Fellows to which application can be made for further help with academic and conference expenses. The successful applicant is also eligible to receive the College’s benefit package, including membership of USS and subsidised membership of the College’s health and dental schemes. For a small membership fee the successful applicant will have use of the College gym. The new Research Fellow will be expected to undertake up to four hours of small group teaching per week in term time (remunerated separately) and to become a member of the Governing Body of the College, participating in the governance and communal life of Downing College.

The deadline for applications and receipt of references is Monday 6 April 2020 at 12.00 noon via this link: https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/everittbutterfieldrf.aspx.

It is hoped that the Governing Body of the College will make an election by the end of July 2020. The successful applicant must provide satisfactory evidence of eligibility to work in the UK. Applications are welcomed from a diverse range of backgrounds.