



DOWNING COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

## **Graham Robertson Research Fellowship 2020**

The Governing Body of Downing College, Cambridge, invites applications for election to a three-year Graham Robertson Research Fellowship in the fields of Architecture, History of Art, or Music, starting on 1 October 2020 and continuing until 30 September 2023.

### **The Fellowship and Eligibility**

Established by the generous bequest of Graham Robertson, this Research Fellowship is intended to support the early careers of exceptionally talented researchers in the Arts and Humanities who will go on to make significant contributions to their fields. The successful candidate will become a full Fellow of the College and member of the Governing Body, and will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Fellow.

The Graham Robertson Research Fellowship is open to postgraduates of any university working in the fields of Architecture, History of Art, or Music.

The ideal candidate will have a strong background in a relevant discipline and should have completed (or be approaching completion of) an outstanding doctoral thesis. Candidates must not have undertaken more than 3 years of postdoctoral work by 1 October 2020 (i.e. your doctoral degree cannot have been conferred before 30 September 2017). The successful applicant must provide satisfactory evidence of eligibility to work in the UK. Applications are welcomed from a broad range of backgrounds.

Although this is a research post, Research Fellows are expected to take advantage of opportunities to undertake a small amount of University and/or College teaching up to four hours per week in term time (remunerated separately). Research Fellows should expect to participate broadly in the governance and communal life of the College.

The stipend is £30,942 (step 39). This figure is reviewed annually and standard increments awarded during the coming academic year will be included before October 2020.

### **The College**

Downing College was founded in 1800 through a bequest made by Sir George Downing. Its beautiful neo-classical buildings set in spacious and peaceful grounds close to the centre of Cambridge offer room to think and space to breathe. Downing is a lively scholarly community of 470 undergraduates, 342 postgraduates and 49 Fellows, superbly supported by over 177 staff. The College's teaching, learning and research span the full range of subjects studied

at the University. Like other Cambridge Colleges, Downing is an independent, self-governing institution regulated by the Charity Commission. The Governing Body is the College's Board of trustees.

Downing has a strong sense of community, with a positive and friendly ethos that nurtures academic excellence as its core purpose, but also encourages students to take full advantage of the cultural, intellectual and sporting opportunities that Cambridge offers. In all we do, we value mutual respect, diversity, and equality. As part of our outward-looking, inviting attitude we have our own contemporary art gallery, theatre and public café, and our extensive grounds are open to all in daylight hours.

### **Application and Dates**

The deadline for applications and receipt of references is **Thursday 19 March 2020** at 12.00 noon via this link: [https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas\\_live/grahamrobertson.aspx](https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/grahamrobertson.aspx). Applications received after this date and time will not be considered.

Applicants must upload the following documents to the online application system:

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 (of no more than 1200 words in length) containing descriptions of your current research and of the research you propose to undertake during the Fellowship.

Applicants must also supply the names and contact details of three referees to enable letters of recommendation to be uploaded by 12.00 noon on Thursday 19 March 2020. Each referee will also 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 and the names of two readers before the deadline.

Applications will not be considered in the competition until all references, including the names of additional readers, have been received. An email will be sent once this has occurred.

Towards the end of March, the College will contact long-listed applicants by email to ask for samples of written work, up to 10,000 words (either published papers, manuscript in press, or chapters of a doctoral thesis). This work must be uploaded within a week of sending the long-listing e-mail.

A very small number of candidates will then be short-listed and invited for interview in the second half of May 2020. Please ensure that you will be available for interview during this period, as it is not possible to arrange other times for interviews. Anyone interested in applying for the Fellowship should note that the standard needed to progress to the later stages of the competition is extremely high. The College will not reimburse candidates for travel costs, should they be shortlisted for interview. It is hoped that the Governing Body of the College will make an election in July 2020. The Fellowship will begin on 1 October 2020 and will run until 30 September 2023. It is non-renewable.

### **Further questions**

If you have any further questions regarding any aspect of the competition, please e-mail [research-fellowship@dow.cam.ac.uk](mailto:research-fellowship@dow.cam.ac.uk) to reach the competition administrator.