The Governing Body of Downing College, Cambridge, invites applications for election to a Henslow Research Fellowship, which is funded by the Cambridge Philosophical Society, starting on 1st October 2021 and continuing until 30th September 2024 when the Fellowship will terminate. The Fellowship will be open to postgraduates working in any area of Natural Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Computer Science 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 extremely high.

The Fellowship is open to postgraduates of any University and is intended to support those at an early stage in their academic careers. As such, it has normally been awarded to candidates who are approaching the end of their doctoral research or are commencing post-doctoral study. The stipend is £30,942. (This figure is reviewed annually and standard increments awarded during the current academic year will be included before October 2021.) 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. Accommodation within College, which would be subject to availability, is chargeable at a market rate. 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 Friday 2nd April 2021 at 12.00 noon via this link: [https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/henslowrf.aspx](https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/henslowrf.aspx).

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