



CHRIST CHURCH
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

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Fowler Hamilton Visiting Research Fellowships January 2026 - July 2027

Applications are invited for Fowler Hamilton Visiting Fellows from overseas, in the Humanities or the Social Sciences, in the period January 2026 - July 2027. Applicants may apply for a period of between three, six, nine and eleven months during this period.

Christ Church

Christ Church, one of the largest colleges of Oxford University, is strongly committed to teaching and research. The College has around 420 undergraduates and 230 graduates, and around 200 senior members. Our academics teach their students in tutorials, a system which enables undergraduates to work with experienced tutors in small groups. The subjects offered at Christ Church cover the whole spectrum, including Arts, Social Sciences, Medical Sciences and Physical Sciences. Christ Church tutors strongly believe in the joint pursuit of teaching and research. For more information please visit: <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/>.

Fowler Hamilton Fellowships

The Fellowship Fund was established in the name of the late Fowler Hamilton, an American Rhodes Scholar of Christ Church. The Fellowships are intended to enable distinguished senior scholars and creative artists to pursue their own research as members of the college, providing an opportunity for academics to benefit from an association, and engage in the academic and social life of Christ Church.

Terms and Conditions

Fowler Hamilton Fellowships are offered on a non-stipendiary basis, they are not an employee of Christ Church and, the Fellowship does not constitute an employment.

Fellows are normally expected to give a talk on their research, or in some way to present their creative work, to members of Christ Church.

The tenure of each Fellowship is negotiable, but the following periods are suggested:

- From 1st January 2026 for 3 months
- from 1st January 2026 for 6 months
- from 1 September 2026 for 11 months
- from 1 September 2026 for 9 months
- from 1 September 2026 or 1 January 2027 for 6 months
- from 1 September 2026, 1 January 2027 or 1 April 2027 for 3 months.

Benefits

Holders of a Fowler Hamilton Fellowship will be provided with:

- A 3-bedroomed furnished family apartment (free of rent), situated about a mile from the college.
- Use of a study in college.
- Membership of the Christ Church Senior Common Room, enjoying full Common Room dining rights.
- Paid return economy fares from the country of origin for the Fellow and their family.



Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- PhD/DPhil in any discipline in the Humanities or Social Sciences.
- Leading authority in their subject with a substantial, recognised international reputation.
- Depth of knowledge of their specialism to enable the development of innovative and new understanding in their field, with an impact as well on research outside their specialism.
- Significant experience of developing research strategies and managing research projects and groups.
- Engagement with the wider academic community on the national and international stage, evidence of having relevant professional associations and, if appropriate, of working with national and/or international bodies in support of relevant policy and research developments.
- Proven high standard of research - a record of peer-reviewed publication commensurate with post-doctoral academic experience, and evidence of continuing research activity.
- Evidence of a strong record in securing research funding and an ability to identify and pursue other sources of funding (as appropriate for the field).
- External recognition of their professional and research achievements.

Applications will be judged only against the criteria which are set out in the Further Particulars, and applicants should ensure that their applications show clearly how their skills and experience meet these criteria.

Christ Church is committed to fairness, consistency and transparency in selection decisions. Members of selection committees will be aware of the principles of equality of opportunity, fair selection and the risks of bias. Applications are particularly welcome from women, and black and minority ethnic candidates, who are under-represented in academic appointments at Christ Church.

If, for any reason, you have taken a career break or have had an atypical career and wish to disclose this in your application, the selection committee will take this into account.

How to Apply

Please apply using the online application form available at:

https://fas.chch.ox.ac.uk/fas_live/fowler/ no later than the deadline of **12 Noon 3 March 2025**. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

Application documents should include:

- Full CV and publications list.
- Covering letter or statement explaining how you meet the criteria set out including: examples of your skills and experience (this may include experience gained in education or employment), an outline of the proposed work to be undertaken and the future direction of your research, reasons for applying for this Fellowship at Christ Church, and proposed dates of the Fellowship.
- Names and contact details of two referees, your referees will need to upload their letters of recommendation to the online application system.

Appointments will be subject to current and valid permission to be in the United Kingdom



and permission to undertake the activities in question.

It is expected successful Fowler Hamilton applications will be announced during **May 2025**.

References

Two references are required for this appointment. Candidates are responsible for requesting references from their referees. Referees should submit references online by the closing date of the competition. Once applicants have provided their details in their online application, referees will be sent an email containing a link to do this. Applicants should therefore give referees enough time to write in their support. The college will not request references directly from the referees.

Christ Church is grateful to referees for their assistance; and it hopes that they will understand the impracticability of acknowledging receipt of referees' letters.

Offer of Appointment

Applications for these Fellowships will be considered by a selection committee. The selection committee is responsible for conducting all aspects of the selection process; it does not, however, have the authority to make the final decision as to who should be appointed. The final decision will be made by the Governing Body of Christ Church based on a recommendation made by the selection committee. No offer of appointment will be valid, therefore, until and unless the recommendation has been approved by the Governing Body, and a formal appointment offer has been made.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact academic.recruitment@chch.ox.ac.uk.

Please note that any personal data submitted to Christ Church as part of the application process will be used only for the purposes of determining suitability for the post and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and related UK data protection legislation. For further information, please see the Christ Church Privacy Notice available at: <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/privacy-policy>.

Christ Church is committed to equality of opportunity. No applicant or member of staff will be treated less favourably than another because of their age, disability, ethnicity, marital or civil partnership status, parental status, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.