



KING'S COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

Stipendiary Research Fellowship in the Late Roman and Early Medieval Archaeology of Britain, 2021–2025

Following the excavation on its property in Cambridge of a large and rich early medieval burial ground, King's College Cambridge is inviting applications for a four-year Research Fellowship from those who are completing or have recently completed a doctorate to pursue a research project on some aspect of the study of the material from the excavation in the context of late Roman and early Medieval archaeology of Britain.

Although the presence of a cemetery on College property on the Barton Road in Cambridge had been long known, it was only when existing buildings were demolished as part of a project to develop the site for postgraduate accommodation that it became possible to investigate the area archaeologically. This has been done by a team from Albion Archaeology under the direction of David Ingham, and some 70 burials have been excavated with well-preserved skeletal material and grave goods, dating from the fifth and sixth centuries, perhaps earlier in the Roman period and extending into the seventh century. This site offers an unprecedented opportunity to illuminate life and death in Cambridge at and after the end of the Roman period. Albion Archaeology is carrying out the preliminary study and publication of the site, in consultation with the Cambridgeshire County Council, but the material offers much scope for further study.

This post-doctoral Fellowship is intended to enable the successful candidate to complete a substantial research project focused on this material and the questions that it raises. Such a project might comprise studies of demography, diet, migration and mobility, mortuary practices, palaeopathology, trade etc., both in the context of the local landscape and in the broader context of British and European history. The successful candidate will be expected both to pursue their own individual research and to co-ordinate further research activity in both scientific and historical aspects, including externally funded projects, so as to enable the full research potential of the material to be realised.

The ideal candidate for this Research Fellowship will have a strong background in a relevant area of archaeology or biological anthropology and have completed an outstanding doctoral thesis. It is **not** a requirement that the candidate's doctoral studies or the work that they submit in support of their application should have concerned late Roman or early Medieval Britain, but candidates will be expected to show in their applications how their proposed project relates to existing studies of the period and current research in bioarchaeology. The successful candidate will be expected to engage broadly with the whole college community and to organise

academic activities in the form of seminars/workshops/conferences (for which the College is able to provide modest funding).

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 and 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 total remuneration is on a scale determined by qualification and experience rising to £28,000 plus benefits; these benefits include either subsidised accommodation in College or a £4,000 per annum housing allowance. Additional payment is made for any undergraduate teaching. Further information about the College may be obtained from the College website (www.kings.cam.ac.uk).

Eligibility

Graduates of any university are eligible. Candidates will usually have completed their PhD but must not have undertaken more than 3 years of postdoctoral work by 1st October 2021 (i.e. your PhD cannot have been granted before 30th September 2018).

Dates

The closing date for application is 9 am (UK Local Time) on Friday, 12th February 2021. Applications received after this date and time will not be considered. Long-listed candidates will be notified in late February and will be expected to provide within 5 days a writing sample of not more than 20,000 words. Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview in early May 2021. The Fellowship will begin on 1st October 2021 and will run until 30th September 2025.

Application

To apply use the following link to go to the FAS website and create an application:

https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/kings_arch.aspx

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 1,200 words in length, 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 the competition, 9 am (UK Local Time) on Friday, 12th February 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 and the names of two readers 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 sally.thorp@kings.cam.ac.uk the competition administrator.

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, including the names of additional readers, have been received. An email will be sent once this has occurred.

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

Further questions

If you have any further questions regarding any aspect of the competition, please e-mail sally.thorp@kings.cam.ac.uk the competition administrator.

King's College follows an equal opportunities policy.