



Zukerman Research Fellowship

Global Food Security

The Governing Body of King's College invites applications for a Junior Research Fellowship in the interdisciplinary field of Global Food Security. Applications are invited from candidates who wish to work in one of the following broad fields:

(i) *The political economy of hunger and food supply*

We welcome applications from candidates in the social sciences and humanities who wish to pursue research in the general area of political economy of hunger or food supply and who are enthusiastic about working in an interdisciplinary context. Possible areas of research include the international dimensions of the expansion and intensification of food production; food insecurity, hunger and 'entitlements'; the history of food production and consumption; land alienation and agrarian reform; the right to food and food sovereignty; hunger; gender and food security; the political economy of agrobiotechnology and of the expansion of bio-fuel production. We welcome applications from historians and social anthropologists, as well as from those trained in economics, development studies, geography and political economy.

(ii) *The sustainability of food production*

We welcome applications from natural scientists with interest and expertise in quantifying and modelling impacts of land-use on food production, biodiversity and ecosystem services in an interdisciplinary framework. Research topics could include, but are not restricted to, the land sparing/land sharing debate, the sustainable intensification of agriculture, reconciling multiple objectives at a landscape scale, and testing the effectiveness of alternative policy options.

The Fellowship is intended to provide the successful candidate with the opportunity to pursue their own research programme in interdisciplinary work while benefiting from the range of expertise in Cambridge, and King's College in particular.

This interdisciplinary fellowship is available thanks to the generosity of Morris Zukerman.

Opportunities to interact with research in Global Food Security at Cambridge

There will be opportunities to interact with leading research groups within the University-wide Global Food Security Initiative (<http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/themes/food-security/>) (<http://www.cam.ac.uk/research/themes/international-development/> and the Cambridge Conservation Initiative (<http://www.conservation.cam.ac.uk/>).

Amongst fellows of King's with interests in interdisciplinary aspects of Global Food Security are

Prof. Chris Gilligan (Professor of Mathematical Biology, <http://www-epidem.plantsci.cam.ac.uk/>); cag1@cam.ac.uk who also chairs the university Strategic Initiative in Global Food Security;

Prof. Megan Vaughan (Smuts Professor of Commonwealth History <http://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/directory/mav26@cam.ac.uk>; mav26@cam.ac.uk).

Applicants may also find more details of University research in the individual web pages of

Dr David Nally (Dept Geography; <http://www.geog.cam.ac.uk/people/nally/>) and

Dr Bhaskar Vira (Dept Geography; <http://www.geog.cam.ac.uk/people/vira/>) for *The Political Economy of Hunger and Food* and

Prof. Andrew Balmford (Dept Zoology; <http://www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/zoostaff/balmford.htm>) and

Prof Bill Sutherland; <http://www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/zoostaff/sutherland.htm>) for *The Sustainability of Food Production*.

The Fellow will be a member of the Governing Body, with full privileges of a Fellow. In addition to pursuing research, a Fellow is required to live in Cambridge and take a full part in College life and activity. Privileges include free lunch or dinner, limited financial support for expenses associated with research, the possibility of an office and single accommodation within College. Although this is a research post, teaching is likely to be made available and it is expected that a Fellow will contribute to the teaching of the College.

The stipend attached to the Fellowship is £19,030 - £23,105, according to age and academic qualification. Additional payment is made for 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 and must not have undertaken more than 2 years of postdoctoral work by 1st October 2012 (i.e. your PhD cannot have been granted before 30 September 2010).

Dates

The closing date for application is 15th April 2012. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Short-listed candidates will be invited for interview on Wednesday, 18th July 2012. The Fellowship will begin on 1st October 2012 and run until 30th September 2016.

Application

To apply go to the [FAS website](#) and create an application.

Before the closing date, applicants must complete all sections of the online Fellowship Application and upload onto the website (PDF or DOC only) the following:

A curriculum vitae (including details of higher education, degrees awarded, positions held and a list of publications), this CV to be no longer than four A4 sides long.

A document containing a statement of current research and proposed research to be undertaken during the Fellowship, such document to be no more than three A4 sides long.

Applicants must also arrange for three letters of recommendation. Each referee will 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 readers before the closing date.

Your referee will need to provide a reference through the FAS website. They will be sent two emails providing the information they need to do so. Referees unable to submit references electronically may write directly to the Provost's Personal Assistant, King's College, Cambridge.

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

After the closing date, the College will contact selected applicants by email to ask for samples of written work, up to 20,000 words (either published papers or chapters of a doctoral thesis).

Travel expenses

A successful candidate travelling from outside the UK to take up a Fellowship may claim travel and removal expenses up to a level agreed in advance with the Bursar of the College.

Further questions

If you have any further questions about eligibility or the duties or privileges of a Fellow, please contact Dr Bill Burgwinkle, Research Fellowship Manager (email: web25@cam.ac.uk) or Dr Mike Bate, Research Fellowship Manager (email: cmb16@cam.ac.uk).

King's College follows an equal opportunities policy.