



Visiting Fellowships

Keble College, University of Oxford

Keble College is seeking to appoint one or more Visiting Fellows for periods of up to six months during the two years from September 2021.

The Fellows will be able to base themselves in the College, to take part in its intellectual and social life, and develop and share ideas across boundaries. They will be expected to make a contribution to the College community through, for example, workshops with students or a public lecture.

The Fellowships are aimed not just at current academics, but also at individuals in public life - including the arts, business and government - who are in a position to take advantage of the opportunities offered by an Oxford college, and who can add something distinctive to its academic life.

Keble recognises the need to make progress in becoming more diverse and inclusive and that it should do more to raise awareness of inequality, racial injustice and the impact of colonialism. Individuals who can contribute to these aims are particularly encouraged to apply.

This is a new scheme, initially launched to coincide with our 150th anniversary in 2020, and with the opening of the new H B Allen Centre for graduates. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic the scheme was suspended for a year. We now feel more confident that we can host Fellows and, in turn, that Fellows can benefit from the College association.

It is intended to appoint at least one, but possibly more Visiting Fellows per year; the exact number is subject to the availability of suitable accommodation and the intended length of stay. It may be possible for us to host two Fellows at the same time. The fellowship programme is supported by the generosity of a donor but it is nonetheless finite.

The Fellowships

The Fellows, who will have already demonstrated a high level of achievement appropriate to their fields of research or public life and to their stage of career, may stay at Keble for periods of between three and six months. During this time they will be entitled to membership of the Senior Common Room, accommodation in the H B Allen Centre, and meals. Depending on need and circumstances, there may be an honorarium and a contribution to travel costs; the honorarium may be used to support research costs. In return, Visiting Fellows will participate in the intellectual life of the College and the University through, for example public lectures, seminars and workshops. There is no pre-determined requirement, and the College is open to ideas about how the Fellows may make a contribution; it is not anticipated that the contribution will be onerous. The Fellows will be

encouraged to engage with the College's academics, graduates and undergraduates, with a particular emphasis on including non-specialists. The accent will be on the sharing of ideas across boundaries, whether they be between disciplines or, more generally, between academia and other fields of public life, including business. With the arrival of the offices of Oxford Sciences Innovation on Keble's premises, the College is interested in exploring the connections between academia – particularly research – and entrepreneurship or innovation.

The College itself provides valuable opportunities to Visiting Fellows: the special multi-disciplinary environment of an Oxford college centred on a model of mixed teaching and research grounded in a residential context; the established energy of college-centred and inter-disciplinary research activity; and the opening of the H B Allen Centre, where a research hotel sits alongside a graduate centre and innovative research activities, including Oxford Sciences Innovation and the Oxford Robotics Institute. Prompted by the opening of the Centre, its Academic Director – Dr Ian Archer – organises a programme of academic and social activities for the graduate community. It is hoped that the Fellows will be able to bring something to this community, although there will also be opportunities to engage with undergraduates.

The scope of the Visiting Fellowships is intentionally broad. They will suit Faculty academics who are on sabbatical leave from their permanent University positions and whose interests intersect with those of the College's academics. But equally, they may be suitable for individuals in the arts, business and/or government who can benefit from a period away from their habitual routine. In essence, Keble is looking for individuals who can bring something new or different to the college and the wider University. The Fellowships are not intended for academics currently holding a post at the University of Oxford, or for PhD students.

Visiting Fellows will be expected to:

- Actively engage in the intellectual life of college, including with academics, graduates and undergraduates
- Contribute to the intellectual environment by providing at least one lecture, seminar, workshop, or performance, showing a commitment which should be appropriate to the duration of the fellowship
- Write a brief report on Fellowship at its conclusion

The benefits of the Fellowship include:

- Two-room apartment with kitchen facilities in the H B Allen Centre
- Dining rights in College, including the right to bring a number of guests
- Membership of the Senior Common Room
- An honorarium of up to £1000 per month depending on need and circumstances (for example, whether or not the Fellow is in receipt of a salary)
- Travel costs of up to £1000 depending on need and circumstances
- Access to College facilities including Library, sports facilities, gym (subject to a small membership fee)
- University card, providing access to University libraries

The first three Fellows are due to take up their postponed appointments between January and September 2021. They include established academics in the fields of political theory and the archaeology of Eurasia, and an individual with a background in law and finance.

Keble College and the H B Allen Centre

Keble is one of the 39 self-governing and independent colleges at Oxford, giving both academic staff and students the benefits of belonging to a small, interdisciplinary community as well as to a large, internationally-renowned institution. The collegiate system fosters a strong sense of community, bringing together leading academics and students across subjects, and from different cultures and countries. There are around fifty Official and Professorial Fellows, whose research interests range from Aegean prehistory to Tort Law, cancer to climate science. The Official Fellows, all of whom are engaged in active research, also take the lead in teaching undergraduates. Although the Fellows' research interests are wide-ranging, there are informal groups of researchers in the fields of Medieval & Renaissance Studies and Complexity (including partial differential equations).

The College was founded by public subscription in 1870. Keble is currently one of the largest colleges in Oxford and has over 800 students, roughly 50:50 undergraduates and graduates. Undergraduates study the full range of degrees available at the University (with one or two exceptions). Among the graduates around 100 are on modular part-time courses, including the Executive MBA. As well as providing a place of residence, the College supports a wide range of social, cultural and sporting activities for its students. There is a large theatre – the O'Reilly Theatre – and a very active Music Society and Choir. The undergraduates hold an annual Arts festival; poetry features prominently among college activities.

In 2018 Keble opened the H B Allen Centre, which is a short distance away from its main site on Parks Road, in the heart of the city. Strategically placed between the University's Science area and the developing Humanities hub on the Radcliffe observatory Quarter, it is home to around 250 graduates as well as the offices of Oxford Sciences Innovation. The Oxford Robotics Institute, pioneers in the field of automated vehicles, has its main labs and offices there.

Find out more about Keble at: www.keble.ox.ac.uk

Selection

The Fellowships will be awarded by Governing Body on the basis of recommendations from a panel jointly constituted by the College's Research and Fellowships Committees. The panel will consider a single gathered field of applicants. Because the field for the fellowship is potentially wide, the selection criteria are very broad. The panel will be looking for: high standing in a field of research or public life; an ability to work and communicate across boundaries; potential to contribute to the college community; and ability to bring something new or different to the college and the wider University. The panel will take account of how individuals fit with the research and other interests of the existing Fellowship, as well as the range of interests represented in the graduate community. Information on Fellows' interests can be found from the website listed above.

The panel will take full account of its obligations towards equality and diversity.

How to apply

Written applications should include an up-to-date CV (of not more than six pages) together with a short statement of how you seek to benefit from the Fellowship, what you are willing and able to

contribute to the College community, and the proposed dates of your appointment. Applicants should also provide the names and contact details of two referees who can be contacted for references.

Applications should be sent to the Warden's PA, Mrs Trish Long, at Keble College, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PG. They may be sent as email attachments to Trish.Long@keble.ox.ac.uk.

The closing date is 12 noon **15th February 2021**

Inquiries about the Visiting Fellowships can be made to the Senior Tutor, Dr Alisdair Rogers (ali.rogers@keble.ox.ac.uk).

Applications are particularly welcome from women and black and minority ethnic candidates who are under-represented in academic posts in Oxford.