



Visiting Fellowships

Keble College, University of Oxford

Keble College is seeking to appoint one or more Visiting Fellows for periods of one, two, or three University terms during the two years from January 2025.

Visiting Fellows will be able to base themselves in the College and take part in its academic and social life. They will be expected to make a contribution to the College community through, for example, workshops with students or delivering a public lecture.

The Visiting Fellowships are aimed at individuals who are in a position to take advantage of the academic opportunities offered by an Oxford College, and who can add something distinctive to its academic life.

We are interested in applications from a broad range of subjects or fields, although preference will be given to areas in which there is a presence among the current College fellowship and where there is potential for public engagement.

We aim 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 appointment. It may occasionally be possible for us to host two Fellows at the same time. The College aims to be a diverse and inclusive community and applications are encouraged from all backgrounds.

The Fellowships

The Visiting 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 one and three University terms.¹ During this time they will be entitled to membership of the Senior Common Room, accommodation in the H B Allen Centre (HBAC), and meals (lunch and dinner). It will also be possible for Fellows to live elsewhere but it is expected that they will be regular visitors to College during the Fellowship. In return, Visiting Fellows will participate in the academic life of the College and the University through, for example lectures, seminars and workshops. There is no pre-set requirement, and the College is open to ideas about how the Fellows may contribute. We do not anticipate that the contribution will be onerous or too demanding. The College will encourage the Fellows to engage with our academics, graduates and undergraduates,

¹ The University of Oxford has three terms: Michaelmas (October-December); Hilary (January-April); and Trinity (May-September).

with a particular emphasis on including non-specialists. Fellows will be asked to write a brief report at the end of their Fellowship.

The College itself provides valuable opportunities to Visiting Fellows, including: 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 HBAC, where a research hotel for visiting academics sits alongside a graduate centre and innovative research activities. A College also provides ample opportunity for chance encounters and informal meetings, such as the HBAC café, the daily lunches, and evening meals.

The Academic Director of the HBAC organises a programme of academic and social activities for the graduate community. These are often informal occasions; on Wednesdays graduates are able to join Fellows for dinner, which encourages the mix of ideas and experiences. We hope that the Visiting Fellows will be able to add something to this community, although there will also be opportunities to engage with undergraduates.

Applicants should be aware that Keble is an Oxford College and not a Faculty or Department in its own right. There may be scope to engage with Faculties and Departments, but this might require additional negotiation.

The Visiting Fellowships 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. The Fellowships are not intended for academics currently holding a post at the University of Oxford, or for PhD students.

The Visiting Fellowships are not remunerated but their benefits include:

- An apartment with kitchen facilities in the HBAC
- Dining rights in College, including the right to bring a number of guests
- Membership of the Senior Common Room
- Travel costs of up to £1,000 depending on need and circumstances
- Access to College facilities including the Library, sports facilities, gym (subject to a small membership fee)
- University card, providing access to University libraries

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 ethics, 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 Early Modern Studies and Complexity (including partial differential equations).

The College was founded in 1870. Keble is currently one of the largest colleges in Oxford and has over 1,000 students, roughly 50:50 undergraduates and graduates. Undergraduates study the full

range of degrees available at the University (with one or two exceptions). 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 HBAC, 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 Enterprises. The Oxford Robotics Institute, which is a pioneer in the field of automated vehicles, has its main labs and offices there.

To find out more about Keble, including the current Fellowship, please visit www.keble.ox.ac.uk

Selection

The Visiting 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 broad. The panel will be looking for: high standing in a field of research or public life appropriate to the stage of career; potential to contribute to the College’s academic community; and a potential to show public engagement. The panel will also 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 current Fellows’ interests can be found from the website provided above.

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

How to apply

Written applications should include the following:

- an up-to-date CV (of not more than six pages)
- a short statement of how you seek to benefit from the Visiting Fellowship and what you are willing and able to contribute to the College community
- the names of any Fellows whose interests might overlap with yours (it is not expected that they are known to applicants personally)
- the proposed dates of your appointment and any accommodation needed
- the names and contact details of two referees who can be contacted for references.

Applications and enquiries regarding the Visiting Fellowships should be sent to the Senior Tutor, Dr Alisdair Rogers, at Keble College, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PG. They may be sent as email attachments to senior.tutor@keble.ox.ac.uk.

The closing date is 12 noon **April 26th 2024**.

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