



POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS MEANT BY 'AWARDED THEIR DOCTORATES' IN THE FURTHER PARTICULARS?

Doctoral award' should be taken as the date of the successful defence of your doctoral dissertation or otherwise the date of award on the degree certificate.

I HAVE SUBMITTED MY APPLICATION BUT MY REFEREES HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED AN EMAIL ASKING FOR THEIR REFERENCE.

Ask your referees to check their Junk email box to see if the email is there. If not, please log into your FAS account and check that you entered their email address correctly in your application. You will be able to amend the email address if necessary.

CAN I INCLUDE MORE THAN TWO REFERENCES WITH MY APPLICATION?

No. To be fair to all candidates, the College can only accept two references per application.

CAN I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION VIA EMAIL OR POST?

No, applications must be submitted online.

HOW CAN I VERIFY THAT ALL MY REFERENCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED?

You will be able to log in to your application once submitted in order to check whether your references have been received.

CAN I CHANGE THE NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS FOR ONE OF MY REFEREES?

You can change referee details (e.g. correct or update details, or change referee entirely) by logging into your FAS. However once a reference has been received, it will not be possible to change that referee.

CAN MY REFEREES SUBMIT A REFERENCE BEFORE I HAVE SUBMITTED MY APPLICATION?

No. Once your application has been submitted, your referees will receive a link to the online FAS, which will enable them to upload your reference. In order to give your referees more than a week between their receipt of the link and the deadline for submitting their reference, you need to submit your application before the 11 September deadline for applications.

ONE OF MY REFEREES HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO SUBMIT THEIR REFERENCE BEFORE THE DEADLINE. WILL LATE REFERENCES BE ACCEPTED?

Late references can be submitted and will be taken into account where possible, but the College cannot guarantee that they will be taken into account in assessing applications.

CAN I CHANGE OTHER DETAILS ON MY ORIGINAL APPLICATION?

No, not unless you are included on the initial shortlist. If included on the initial shortlist for this competition, you will be asked to supply a further sample of your work; if included on the initial or final shortlist, you will be given an opportunity to provide updated information, e.g. details of new publications or positions.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY IF I HAVE ALREADY HELD OR CURRENTLY HOLD A JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP OR POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP?

Yes, as long as you meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Further Particulars.

CAN I APPLY IF I AM NOT A UK OR EU CITIZEN?

The College welcomes applicants of any nationality as long as they meet the eligibility criteria set out in the Further Particulars. All appointments are subject to proof of Right to Work in the UK. If you need a visa, you will normally need to apply for a Global Talent (exceptional promise) visa seeking endorsement from a relevant competent body, normally the British Academy or Royal Society, <https://www.gov.uk/global-talent>. The College and University of Oxford Immigration Team will assist you with this process.

WHAT DOES THE 'THESIS ABSTRACT' REFER TO?

The 'thesis abstract' refers to the abstract of your recently or almost completed doctoral thesis.

DOES THE WORD COUNT FOR THE 'STATEMENT OF PROPOSED WORK' INCLUDE FOOTNOTES AND A BIBLIOGRAPHY?

Yes, footnotes and bibliography are included in the word count.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY DOCTORAL THESIS IS NOT WRITTEN IN ENGLISH?

The 10,000 word sample of written work to be submitted as part of your application should normally be in English. Candidates whose thesis is in a language other than English will be asked to submit an untranslated copy of their thesis (or work of equivalent length), together with a substantial piece of work in English.

HOW INDEPENDENT DOES MY RESEARCH PROGRAMME HAVE TO BE?

Collaboration on past and future projects is acceptable. However, if many of your papers are published with senior colleagues, the College would expect to see an explanation of your role in the conception of the work that is described.

I ALREADY HOLD FELLOWSHIP FUNDING THAT COVERS MY SALARY FOR PART OF THE TERM OF THIS SCHEME? CAN I APPLY AND ASK TO HOLD AN ALL SOULS PDRF ON A NON-STIPENDIARY BASIS?

All Souls PDRFs are stipendiary fellowships and cannot be held concurrently with other fellowship funding. They are not available on a non-stipendiary basis.

CAN I HOLD THE POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AND WORK ON SOMEONE ELSE'S PROJECT?

The primary duty of a PDRF is to pursue in Oxford an independent programme of advanced study and research for publication. A research project that consists of work submitted and funded for a senior Principal Investigator grant is unlikely to be sufficiently independent for an ASC Fellowship, nor is the ASC fellowship intended as salary funding for a postdoctoral role in a senior person's project.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I BECOME PREGNANT OR HAVE A BABY BEFORE I TAKE UP THE FELLOWSHIP?

If you have a child before you join the College, it may be possible to defer the start of your Fellowship and employment by the College. If you have taken up your Fellowship and commenced employment before your baby is born and you assume the primary care responsibility for it, you will intermit your Fellowship and be eligible to receive maternity pay/parental leave for up to 26 weeks at your normal full rate of pay, inclusive of any statutory maternity or adoption pay to which you may be entitled. You (or the parent with primary care responsibility for the child) may extend the period of your intermission and leave for up to 26 weeks' further leave, during which period you may be entitled to receive housing allowance but entitlement to any statutory benefits will depend on your visa status. The Fellowship will be extended to cover the period of your intermission.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CANNOT ATTEND THE VIVA IN PERSON DUE TO CORONAVIRUS-RELATED TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS?

We hope to hold the vivas in person but if that is not possible for Coronavirus-related reasons, we will make alternative arrangements to hold the viva online.

FAQs FOR CLASSICS (EXCLUDING ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY)

WHAT IS MEANT BY 'CLASSICS (EXCLUDING ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY)'?

'Classics' is here defined as any aspect of the languages, literature, history, archaeology or visual culture of the Greek and Roman world in antiquity. Those working on ancient philosophy should apply to the Philosophy competition and not to Classics.

I WORK ON CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY. CAN I APPLY?

Yes, Classical Archaeology is included under the definition of Classics.

I ONLY WORK ON LATIN OR ON GREEK TEXTS. ARE THERE RESTRICTIONS TO APPLICATION?

You can apply as long as your research is focused on antiquity and/or ancient authors. Research in Neo Latin or on Byzantine (post-antique) Greek language and/or authors is not eligible for consideration.

I WORK IN CLASSICAL RECEPTION STUDIES. CAN I APPLY?

Eligible research must make an original contribution to knowledge of Greek or Roman antiquity. Work which is primarily directed to post-antique contexts of reception will not be eligible in this competition.

FAQs FOR THEORETICAL COMPUTER SCIENCE

WHAT IS MEANT BY ‘THEORETICAL COMPUTER SCIENCE’?

For the purposes of this vacancy, Theoretical Computer Science is to be understood in a broad sense.

My research area is ‘X’, am I eligible to apply for the position?

We encourage applicants working in a broad range of subject areas. However, if there is any room for doubt, you should ensure that your application explicitly addresses why your research falls under the umbrella of Theoretical Computer Science.

FAQs FOR ECONOMICS

WHAT IS MEANT BY ‘ECONOMICS’?

We understand economics to encompass those research areas which come within the [JEL classification](#)

FAQs FOR PHILOSOPHY

WHAT IS MEANT BY ‘PHILOSOPHY’?

We understand the bounds of philosophy to be implicitly defined by the research activities of the [Oxford Philosophy Faculty](#).

MY RESEARCH IS ON CLASSICAL PHILOSOPHY? CAN I APPLY

Yes

MY RESEARCH IS ON MEDIEVAL PHILOSOPHY? CAN I APPLY

Yes

MY RESEARCH IS ON FORMAL LOGIC. CAN I APPLY?

Yes

MY RESEARCH IS ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF A PARTICULAR SCIENCE (E.G. BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, ECONOMICS, MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS). CAN I APPLY?

Yes

FAQs FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS

WHAT AREAS OF THEORETICAL PHYSICS ARE COVERED?

For the purposes of this vacancy, theoretical physics is to be understood in a broad sense.

MY RESEARCH INCLUDES BOTH THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL TOPICS, AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

The vacancy is intended for candidates whose research proposal is predominantly theoretical.