GIRTON COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE FAIRLIE—HUTCHINSON RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN FRENCH

1. Girton College is one of the larger Cambridge colleges and is set in 50 acres of beautiful park, orchard, and woodland 2.5 miles northwest of Cambridge city centre. It was founded in 1869 as the UK's first residential university college offering degree-level education to women. Although it has now been mixed for over forty years, it retains a proud tradition of diversity and inclusion alongside a reputation for academic excellence. Its buildings include a library, a chapel, music practice rooms, and extensive sports and leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool.

2. This is a is a Research Fellowship under College Statutes. As a Fellow of the College, the successful candidate will be a member of the College Governing Body and is expected to take part in College life. This may include directing undergraduate studies, College committee work, and interviewing of prospective undergraduates. Research Fellows are also eligible to stand for election to the College Council.

3. The Fairlie—Hutchinson Research Fellowship in French commences on 1 October 2027 and is tenable for three years.

4. The Research Fellowship will be awarded in the field of French studies, encompassing literary studies, thought and the history of ideas, cultural history, film and visual culture, and linguistics.

5. The Research Fellowship is funded by a generous bequest from Girton alumna Dr Joyce Agnes Hutchinson (1920-2007), who read Modern & Medieval Languages at Girton and was a published translator, notably of works by the Cameroonian writer, Francis Bebey. The Research Fellowship also commemorates the life of former Girton Fellow in French, Professor Alison Fairlie FBA (1917-1993). Alison Fairlie was a renowned literary critic and scholar of nineteenth-century French culture, publishing books on Leconte de Lisle, Charles Baudelaire, and Gustave Flaubert.

6. Graduates from any university within or outside the United Kingdom are eligible. There is no age limit, but the Fellowship will normally be awarded to a candidate at an early stage of their academic career. The post holder must hold a PhD or have submitted their PhD thesis prior to the appointment start date.

7. Candidates will be asked to provide a statement of research, which should be written in English and should not exceed 1,500 words, outlining their current research along with the research they propose to pursue if elected. Longlisted candidates will be invited to submit written work of no more than 12,000 words (including footnotes and citations but not bibliography), accompanied by a short note explaining how this work fits into their overall research programme. Submitted work may be written in English or French.

8. Candidates must provide details for two referees who have agreed to submit a reference through the website by the application deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that both referees submit the references prior to the deadline.

9. Election into a Fellowship is usually made by the College Council (the Electors) at the conclusion of the Research Fellowship competition held in the Lent Term (January-March). The Competition involves assessment of candidates submitted work and interview for those candidates shortlisted by the Electors. Candidates travelling overseas should note that, should they be invited to interview, the College cannot pay for international travel. We shall, however, cover the costs of travel within the UK and offer overnight accommodation at Girton where available. Overseas candidates may be interviewed online.

10. The Electors reserve the right to make no election if no suitable candidates present themselves.

11. Research Fellows may claim research expenses up to a total of £4,500 over the three years of the Fellowship.

12. The present post-doctoral scale (from 1 August 2026) is £26,615 to £29,354, and the scale for pre-award of PhD is £25,754 to £27,865. The post-holder may undertake, should they wish, up to four hours of paid supervision teaching per week during the twenty weeks of the teaching year. The four hours per week will be at an enhanced rate of pay under a Category Aa Lectureship contract.

13. Accommodation may be available, if required, at a subsidised rate and further details can be obtained on request. All accommodation provided is a benefit in kind, and the College will pay the tax on your behalf. All Research Fellows are entitled to free Commons (i.e., meals) except when the College kitchens are closed. A living-out allowance (currently £3,219 p.a.) is paid to Research Fellows who live out of College.

14. Research Fellows must produce a written report on the progress of their research at the end of each year of their Fellowship.

Please note: if you are successful in your application then any offer of appointment cannot be confirmed until pre-employment checks have been satisfactorily completed, including a right-to-work check. The College has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.

The College is an Inclusive and Equal Opportunities employer and cares for and looks after its employees, ensuring fair and equal treatment. Any necessary adjustments will be considered to the above in keeping with the requirements of the Equalities Act 2010. Applications are welcome from candidates of all backgrounds particularly from those belonging to groups that are underrepresented among Cambridge Colleges.