GIRTON COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE MARGARET TYLER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN GEOGRAPHY

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 Margaret Tyler Research Fellowship in Geography commences on 1 October 2027 and is tenable for five years.

4. The Research Fellowship will be awarded in the field of Geography, specifically Physical Geography in this round.

5. The Margaret Tyler Research Fellowship in Geography commemorates the life of Margaret Tyler (née Hughes), who read Geography at Girton from 1953 to 1956. A seven-figure gift donated by her husband, Colin Tyler, was received as part of Girton's fundraising initiative A Great Campaign in 2019, to mark the 150th anniversary of the College's foundation and also coincided with the centenary of the establishment of the Geography tripos at Cambridge. It is intended that the Fellowship will help the incumbent establish a world-class research profile and gain significant teaching experience to form an all-important first step of their academic career.

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 600-word summary of current and future research with their application. Long-listed candidates will be invited to submit two further pieces of written work, each of no more than 10,000 words (including footnotes and citations but not bibliography), accompanied by a short note explaining how each fit into their overall research programme.

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. The Research Allowance for travel, conferences, equipment and other research expenses is £1,500 p.a., where any unused funds from an annual allocation can be carried forward for up to three financial years.

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 appointed Research Fellow is required to provide the equivalent of between four and six hours of paid supervision teaching per week during the twenty weeks of the teaching year. Of these hours, four per week will be at an enhanced rate of pay under a Category Aa Lectureship contract. additional hours up to the permitted maximum will be paid at the standard inter-collegiate rate. The College Council must approve any externally paid employment.

13. It is expected that the post-holder will live within easy travel distance of Cambridge. 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.