Further Particulars of the Girton Research Fellowship in the Arts 2019

1. The Research Fellowship will commence at the start of the academic year 2019 and will be tenable for three years (to September 2022). This year’s competition is in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; English; Linguistics; Medieval and Modern Languages; and Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic (ASNC).

2. The Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Department is unique to Cambridge. Its teaching and research cover the history, languages and literatures of Britain, Brittany, Ireland and Scandinavia in the early medieval period, from 400 to 1200 C.E. (in the case of Scandinavian literature, to the end of the Middle Ages), encouraging interdisciplinary study which also gives attention to material culture (manuscript studies, numismatics, archaeology). For more information please see the ASNC Department website, https://www.asnc.cam.ac.uk/.

3. The Fellowship is open to graduates of any university and of any age, but it is intended to support those at an early stage of their academic career. Candidates must have submitted their doctoral thesis prior to interview and no more than five years before the start of the Fellowship (excluding career breaks).

4. Election to Fellowship is made by the Electors at the conclusion of the Research Fellowship competition held each year in the Lent Term. The competition involves the assessment of candidates’ submitted work and an interview. Candidates are 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, accompanied by a short note explaining how each fits into their overall research programme. Candidates travelling from 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. Overseas candidates may be interviewed via Skype.

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

6. The emoluments of the Fellowship are reviewed annually (in August). The present scale from 1 August 2018 will rise by two annual increments from £19,850 to £22,214 p.a. for Research Fellows who have not yet obtained their PhD and from £20,989 to £23,557 for post-doctoral Research Fellows. The Fellowship is pensionable under the U.S.S. Emoluments are paid monthly in arrears by bank transfer.

7. Grants, not exceeding £2,500 and payable in one or more installments during the three-year tenure of the Fellowship, will be made at the discretion of the Electors for approved research expenses. Approved expenses include the University Fee, where payable.

8. Research Fellows are members of the College Governing Body and are expected to take part in the life and governance of the College.
9. Furnished accommodation in one-bedroom flats or small sets is available for single or accompanied Research Fellows. The present charge for accommodation for a single Fellow in a one-bedroom flat is £462.80 per month (plus Council Tax where applicable); a higher charge of £694.20 will be made for a Fellow living in College accommodation with his or her partner. All Research Fellows are entitled to free Commons (i.e. meals) except when the College kitchens are closed. The College also offers a child allowance of £679 p.a. (non pensionable) for the first child.

10. Larger, family housing is in limited supply and subject to availability, therefore the College offers a Living out Allowance of £2,715 p.a. (non pensionable) for Research Fellows choosing to live away from College.

11. The College Council must approve any externally paid employment. It is anticipated that the post-holder will provide the equivalent of four hours of paid supervision teaching per week during the twenty weeks of the teaching year; in some circumstances, this requirement may be reduced in the first year of Fellowship. Permission is normally granted for not more than six hours’ teaching per week.

12. The Council reserves the right to replace the Fellowship by one of smaller value or one without emoluments if the Fellow should hold, or subsequently obtain, a Fellowship or other substantial emolument from any other source. The Fellow is required to report to Council any such Fellowship or other emolument at the time of their election. Any subsequent appointment or award must be reported to Council.

13. Research Fellows must report on the progress of their research to the Electors by 1 September each year. The Electors reserves the right to discontinue a Fellowship where it is not satisfied with a Fellow’s progress.

14. Please note: any offer of employment to a successful applicant cannot be confirmed until pre-employment checks have been satisfactorily completed. This will include a working status check, for which the applicant will be asked to provide appropriate documentation. The College has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.