

EXETER COLLEGE, OXFORD

VISITING FELLOWSHIPS (NON-STIPENDIARY)

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Introduction

Exeter College proposes to appoint up to six distinguished scholars to (non-stipendiary) **Visiting Fellowships** for the academic year 2026–27.

Visiting Fellowships contribute to the academic community at Exeter College and are for people who will be spending a substantive period of the academic year in Oxford conducting research, but who are not currently employed by, or otherwise associated with, Oxford University or one of its colleges. These Fellowships are therefore primarily intended for Professors or Associate Professors (or equivalent) who are on sabbatical or research leave from an academic institution outside Oxford (i.e. who are already provided with financial support as a result of being employed by that institution), and who will be spending a period of their leave in Oxford undertaking research. Nonetheless, the College also welcomes applications from other distinguished individuals who intend to engage in academic activities in Oxford lasting up to one year.

Prospective applicants should, on their own initiative, engage with one or more Fellows of the College in advance of applying, in order to establish how their existing knowledge and proposed research can benefit the College during a period as a Visiting Fellow.

These appointments, which offer an association with the College and not employment, are unremittingly.

Selection Criteria

1. A proposed project in a subject area relevant to the College, and which is likely to produce valuable results.
2. The necessity of a period of residence within the University of Oxford to the candidate's successful completion of the proposed research or scholarly project.
3. The value added to the project by an association with Exeter College in particular.
4. The intellectual contribution that the candidate would make to the College during their time as a Visiting Fellow.
5. Demonstrable ability and commitment to contributing academically and socially within the College, as described in the 'Duties' section below.
6. Whether or not the candidate has held a visiting fellowship, or equivalent, at an Oxford College. (NB the College will prefer candidates who have not previously enjoyed a similar association in the University of Oxford, and will normally not offer a Visiting Fellowship to someone who has previously been a Visiting Fellow at Exeter College.)

Duties

1. To engage, during the period of the Fellowship, in research or other academic activity in Oxford.
2. Actively to contribute to the College community. In particular, it is expected that they will deliver 1-2 talks during the tenure of the Fellowship (in order to share some of the results of their academic work with other College members, for example during one of the Senior Common Room event nights), and that they will volunteer to give one or more seminars to students of the College (for example, knowledge about their own area of research for the benefit of

undergraduates and postgraduates, or sharing knowledge about research methods), or to provide mentorship to postgraduate students.

Terms and Conditions

These are non-stipendiary positions and are available for a maximum of three terms (9 months, from October through June) of the academic year 2026–27.

The Fellows will be members of the Senior Common Room and entitled to free lunch and dinner at the Common Table on the same terms as other Fellows. Normally this will be lunch and dinner Monday to Friday (except when the College is closed) and dinner on Sunday night, in Full Term; no alternative is offered when there is no Common Table meal.

The College regrets that it is unable to offer accommodation, or any kind of Housing Allowance in lieu of accommodation; however, advice about Oxford's large rental market can be offered.

The College has a dedicated shared study room which may be used by those Fellows who do not have office space of their own (including Visiting Fellows) on an ad hoc basis for writing, research, etc.

Queries

Informal queries about the Fellowships should, in the first instance, be directed to the HR Manager: vacancies@exeter.ox.ac.uk

How to Apply

Visiting Fellowships will start on 6 October 2026, or 12 January 2027, or 20 April 2027 and will last for a maximum of three Terms.

There are two deadlines for applications for Visiting Fellowships which will start between October 2026 and April 2027:

- 12pm (noon, GMT) on Thursday 6 November 2025; and
- 12pm (noon, GMT) on Thursday 12 February 2026.

Applications must include:

- a completed Application Cover Form
- a short *curriculum vitae* (maximum 2 pages of A4);
- a statement (maximum 1 page of A4) highlighting three of the candidate's publications and setting out, for each one, what the findings are and why it is a significant contribution to knowledge;
- an outline (maximum 1 page of A4) of the research or other academic activity that the applicant will be undertaking in Oxford during the period of the Visiting Fellowship;
- a brief statement outlining the academic and/or social contributions that the applicant would intend to make in Exeter College during the course of the Fellowship; and
- a letter of support from a current Fellow of Exeter College.

Applications should be sent, by the closing date, by email to the HR Manager at vacancies@exeter.ox.ac.uk. If possible, applications should be submitted as a single PDF file.

Applicants who are not UK residents must ensure that they are able to obtain an appropriate visa to enter the UK (e.g. as an Academic Visitor), should they be elected to a Visiting Fellowship.

Equality & Diversity

Exeter College is committed to equality and diversity, and to being a place where everyone belongs and is supported to succeed. We recognise how the diversity of our community enriches our ability to deliver on our academic mission.

We welcome applications from individuals from all backgrounds, including those under-represented within higher education. No applicant or member of staff shall be unlawfully discriminated against on the basis of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

Employment with the College, and progression within employment, will be determined according to personal merit and the application of criteria related to the duties and conditions of the post. In all cases, the primary consideration will be the ability to perform the job.

Our commitment to equality and diversity goes hand-in-hand with our commitment to academic freedom and free speech.

The College's policies on equality and diversity are available from our website:
<http://www.exeter.ox.ac.uk/equality-and-diversity/>