



**NEWNHAM COLLEGE
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**THE PHYLLIS AND EILEEN GIBBS
TRAVELLING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
2026-2027**

This Travelling Fellowship has been endowed to assist women graduates who have considerable experience of research (at least and usually well beyond the doctoral level) and who intend to undertake fieldwork projects outside the UK & Ireland (and normally not within their own countries of residence or citizenship) in **Biology, Archaeology, Social Anthropology or Sociology**, with a strong preference for Archaeology or Biology. The Travelling Fellowship is open to women who are or have been members of any College or Approved Foundation or Approved Society in, or University Officers in, the University of Cambridge, but preference will be given to present or former members of Newnham College if two proposals are judged to be of equal quality. The proposed research must be post-doctoral, although graduate students who will have completed their PhD before taking up a Fellowship are eligible to apply: there is no upper age limit.

The Travelling Fellowship will be available for all or part of the year 1 October 2026 – 30 September 2027 and the fund will pay field research, travel and subsistence expenses of the Fellow of up to £18,000 for the year. Any award must be used for the fellow's expenses in the field: proposed projects may be entirely field-based or may be for fieldwork with associated (separately funded) laboratory and/or museum components. A minor part of the award (usually not more than 5%) may be used to fund such work if it is essential for the immediate analysis of field data and/or field samples. The same amount (usually not more than 5%) may be used to support research assistance in the field, where the research cannot be undertaken alone, but the primary intention is to fund the travelling research costs of the Fellow, who should carry out the fieldwork herself. Please note that although the funds can be used for the purchase of essential equipment associated with the fieldwork, there is a limit to the total amount used for this purpose; the Chair of the Panel should be consulted in advance if the total amount exceeds 10% of the funds applied for.

Successful applicants are required to submit a short summary of their research for inclusion on the College website within two years of the end of the funded travel and will subsequently be expected to present their findings at a lecture in advance of the annual dinner to celebrate the Gibbs Travelling Research Fellowship.

Applications should be made on-line at: https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/gibbstrf/ by 23:59 GMT on **Monday 23 February 2026**.

The application will comprise:

- A curriculum vitae (PDF only), including a list of publications, to be uploaded to the system.
- A statement of the scheme of research and the nature of the fieldwork proposed, including objectives, research context, and methodology (maximum length of the statement to be 2,000 words). This should be in PDF format to be uploaded to the system.
- A detailed budget, with justification (may include estimates). Candidates should detail any other funding bodies to which they are applying in connection with the project, including both the fieldwork and, if appropriate, any essential non-fieldwork components. The Committee should be kept informed of the outcome of such applications.
- The names and addresses (postal and email) of two persons to whom reference may be made as to the candidate's academic qualifications and suitability for the Fellowship. **Candidates should give each referee a copy of their application, including the research proposal and costing.** An email will be sent to each referee from the on-line system. Candidates should inform their referees that their application will not be considered until their references have been received. Referees should submit their references by **Monday 2 March 2026**.
- Not more than two samples of the candidate's written work, whether published or not; short articles, book or dissertation chapters would be suitable, rather than an entire dissertation. This should be in PDF format, to be uploaded to the system.

Information submitted during the application process will be handled in keeping with the College's [Data Protection Statement](#).

Decisions will be communicated in mid-March 2026.