



How we use your personal information

Data Protection Statement - Job applicants and candidates for election to College memberships

This statement explains how Newnham College (“we” and “our”) handles and uses information we collect about applicants (“you” and “your”) for jobs, Senior Memberships and Fellowships. In broad terms, we use your data to manage your application to the College and our subsequent recruitment or election processes. This statement forms part of the College’s compliance with data protection law in the UK¹.

The controller for your personal information is Newnham College, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DF. The person responsible for data protection at the time of issue, and the person who is responsible for monitoring compliance with relevant legislation in relation to the protection of personal information is the Bursar (College Data Protection Lead). Please contact us at data-protection@newn.cam.ac.uk if you have any questions about this statement, how we manage personal data or if you wish to exercise any of your data protection rights (see below for further information).

The designated Data Protection Officer appointed by the College under UK GDPR is Intercollegiate Services Limited (ISL), 64 Bridge Street, Cambridge, CB2 1UR; 01223 768745; dpo@isl.colleges.cam.ac.uk.

The legal basis for processing your personal data is that it is necessary either in order for you to enter into an employment contract with us, or for you to enter into membership of the College, where you will be subject to the College’s governing documents.

How your data is used by the College

Your data is used by us for in the first instance solely for the purposes of considering your suitability for employment or election and for us to manage our recruitment processes, including our monitoring of equality and diversity within the College.

If you have concerns or queries about any of these purposes, or how we communicate with you, please contact us at the address given above.

The College may hold the following personal data relating to you, in line with the purposes above:

- A* personal details, including name and contact details (phone, email, postal);
- B* your application form and associated information submitted by you at that time;
- C other data relating to your recruitment (including references we take up as part of the recruitment process, any pre-employment assessment of you, and any assessment of you at an informal or formal

¹ [UK General Data Protection Regulation \(UK GDPR\)](#), the [Data Protection Act 2018](#) and the [Data \(Use and Access\) Act 2025](#).



- interview);
- D any occupational health assessments and/or medical information you have provided, and related work requirements;
- E* evidence of your right to work in the UK (e.g. copies of your passport);
- F* information relating to your age, nationality, gender and gender reassignment, religion or beliefs, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability and marital status; and
- G any correspondence relating to the outcome of the recruitment process (either successful or unsuccessful).

Those marked with an * relate to information provided by you. Other data and information are generated by us or, where self-evident, provided by a third party.

We will not access personal data about you from social media sites, unless there is a legitimate interest for us to do so (for example, the role you have applied for has a significant public-facing element to it or is involved with publicity and presenting us to the general public). Consequently, we do not routinely screen applicants' social media profiles but, if aspects of your social media profile are brought to our attention and give rise to concerns about your suitability for the role in question, we may need to consider them.

For certain posts, we may use the Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) and Disclosure Scotland to help assess your suitability for certain positions of trust. If this is the case, we will make this clear to you in separate correspondence. Certificate and status check information is only used for this specific purpose, and we comply fully with the DBS Code of Practice regarding the correct use, handling, storage, retention and destruction of certificates and certificate information. We recognise that it is a criminal offence to pass this information on to anyone who is not entitled to receive it.

Who we share your data with

Information may be shared with the University of Cambridge. We also use cloud-based storage systems such as IRIS Cascade and SunSystems for personnel management and accounts processing. If you have concerns or queries about any of these purposes, or how we communicate with you, please contact us at the address given above.

How long we keep your information for

If you are successful in your application, the data is subsequently held as part of your employment or membership record with us. Further details are available at <https://newn.cam.ac.uk/data-protection>.

If you are unsuccessful in your application, we retain personal data and information for no more than twelve months after the closing date of the application process. The names of those who applied for College Fellowships and Senior Memberships may be retained permanently.

In either case, where the post has required an application for a visa for the right to work in the UK, the College will retain any relevant data to comply with the Home Office's visa and immigration regulations.



Your rights

You have the right: to ask us for access to, rectification or erasure of your data; to restrict processing (pending correction or deletion); and to ask for the transfer of your data electronically to a third party (data portability). Some of these rights are not automatic, and we reserve the right to discuss with you why we might not comply with a request from you to exercise them.

Failure to provide the information reasonably requested of you may result in an automatic disqualification from the recruitment process.

If you feel that the College has not met your expectations while handling your personal data, you have the right to make a complaint. Full details of the College's data protection complaints procedure can be found at <https://newn.cam.ac.uk/data-protection>. If we are unable to adequately address your concerns, you have the right to lodge a complaint about our management of your personal data with the Information Commissioner's Office. Details of how to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office are available at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>.

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