



Fellowships

Categories of Fellowship

Statutes III and XII list the Fellowships which may be offered, details eligibility and lays down the procedure for election. With the exception of Junior Research Fellowships, Fellowships carry no stipend. Statute IV determines membership of the Governing Body.

The categories of Fellowship are listed below.

Fellows who are Members of the Governing Body

1. Professorial Fellows

Professorial Fellows are elected by the Governing Body. To be eligible, the nominee's office must be listed in Schedule B of the University Statutes [University Officers whose offices qualify them to hold Professorial Fellowships].

2. Fellows in Category A

College Lecturers and Tutors are appointed by the Council. Any woman appointed to College Lecturer or Tutor will be elected into a Fellowship in Category A which will be retained for the period of appointment. A man appointed College Lecturer is employed on the same terms and conditions as a woman and is entitled to attend meetings of the Governing Body, but cannot be elected into a Fellowship.

3. Fellows in Category D

The Statutes allow the Governing Body to elect the following to Fellowships in Category D:

- holders of certain senior administrative posts, some of which are identified in the Statutes
- holders of certain posts in the University or a similar institution
- others who can make a significant contribution to the College's function as a place of education, learning and research.

Fellowships in Category D are for periods of three years and may be renewed providing that the person concerned remains eligible. Holders of senior administrative posts within the College generally retain their Fellowship for the duration of their appointment.

4. Research Fellows

Research Fellows are elected by the Council, following competitions assessed by the Research Fellowship Committee's Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering Panel, and Humanities and Social Sciences Panel. Junior Research Fellowships are for three years.

A Research Fellow who holds an externally-funded Research Fellowship (for example from the Royal Society) will retain the name of the College Research Fellowship until the end of the three years. If the externally-funded Research Fellowship continues after the College Junior Research Fellowship has come to an end, the holder may be elected to a Senior Research Fellowship.

5. Associate Fellows

Associate Fellows are elected by the Governing Body from a panel of three Associates nominated by the Associates.

Fellows who are not Members of the Governing Body

6. Bye-Fellowships

The Council elects to Bye-Fellowships which are for terms of three years. The Fellowship may be renewed if the person concerned remains eligible. The following are eligible:

- University officers with teaching duties, or women engaged in research or in teaching at undergraduate or postgraduate level in or near Cambridge
- former Fellows of the College resident in or near Cambridge
- women to whom the Council has assigned some specified College duties, normally of a primarily academic nature.

7. Schoolteacher Fellowships

The Council elects to Schoolteacher Fellowships following a competition assessed by the Schoolteacher Fellowship Committee. Schoolteacher Fellowships are for one term and are designed to provide the teacher with time for professional development as well as giving the opportunity to gather information at Newnham and beyond, to encourage and advise potential applicants for undergraduate places at Cambridge.

8. Phyllis & Eileen Gibbs Travelling Research Fellowships

Phyllis & Eileen Gibbs Travelling Research Fellows are elected by the Council, following a competition assessed by the Gibbs Committee. The Fellowship is awarded for a project of research outside the British Isles either in Archaeology or Biology (with particular preference for ecology) or in sociology or social anthropology.

9. Honorary Fellowships

The Governing Body may confer the title of Honorary Fellow on any woman of distinction for the duration of her life. Honorary Fellows do not play any part in the government of the College.

10. Emeritus Fellowships

The Governing Body may confer the title of Fellow Emerita on any woman who retires from the office of Principal or from a Professorial Fellowship or from a Fellowship in either Category A or Category D, providing she has reached the age of sixty and has held a College office or Fellowship in Category D (or both in succession) for not less than twenty years.

11. Visiting Fellowships

Two Bye-Fellowships are set aside for the election of Visiting Bye-Fellows who may hold their Visiting Bye-Fellowship for a period of up to one year. A Visiting Research Fellowship may be offered to a holder of a Senior Research Fellowship who will be based in Cambridge for up to one year. Visiting Bye-Fellows and Visiting Research Fellows are both elected by the Council.