Categories of Fellowship

Statutes III and XII list the Fellowships which may be offered, detail eligibility and lay down the procedures 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

Fellows in Category A
College Lecturers and Tutors are appointed by the Council; the Bursar is appointed by the Governing Body. Any woman appointed to the office of College Lecturer, Tutor or Bursar will be elected into a Fellowship in Category A which will be retained for the period of appointment. A man appointed to the office of College Lecturer or Bursar 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. (A College Lecturer who is a member of the Governing Body of another College cannot also be a member of Newnham’s Governing Body, nor attend these meetings.)

Fellows in Category B (Research Fellows)
Junior Research Fellows are appointed by the Council, following competitions assessed by the Research Fellowship Committee. Junior Research Fellowships are for three years. The Council also appoints Margaret Anstee Centre Research Fellows for up to four years. Other Research Fellowships may also be held in Category B.

Fellows in Category C (Professorial Fellows)
Professorial Fellows are elected by the Governing Body. Subject to the Statutes of the University, the Governing Body may elect to a Professorial Fellowship any woman who is one of the University officers specified in SCHEDULE C (vii) 1 Professorships of SPECIAL ORDINANCE C (vii) Professors under Statute C XI 3 of the University Statutes.

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.

Fellows in Category E (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

Fellows in Category F (Honorary Fellows)
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.

Fellows in Category G (Fellows Emeritae)
The Governing Body may confer the title of Fellow Emerita on any woman who retires from the office of Principal or from a Fellowship in Category A, C or 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.

Fellows in Categories H (Bye-Fellows and Visiting Bye-Fellows)
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.

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. Visiting Bye-Fellows are elected by the Council.

Fellows in Category I (Visiting Research Fellows and Travelling Research Fellows)
All Visiting Research Fellowships are elected by the Council. This includes the Phyllis & Eileen Gibbs Travelling Research Fellows who 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. 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.

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