Applications are invited for a Visiting Fellowship at the Margaret Anstee Centre for Global Studies at Newnham College, University of Cambridge.

The Margaret Anstee Visiting Fellowship is for early to mid-career women with a postdoctoral or Faculty position in a Caribbean or Latin American University, who are conducting research in areas broadly related to economic and social development and/or international relations. Early to mid-career is taken to be up to 15 years post-PhD employment in Higher Education or related institutions, not including time taken for parental or sick leave.

The Margaret Anstee Centre was founded in 2018 in honour of Dame Margaret Anstee, a graduate of the College, and the first woman Under-Secretary General of the United Nations. The Centre promotes research into economic and social development and/or international relations. It is interdisciplinary in scope and builds long-standing collaborative projects with colleagues across the Global South. The Centre is about to appoint a ‘Knowledge Exchange Officer’, whose role will be to support Margaret Anstee Fellows, the wider Newnham Fellowship, Postdoctoral Affiliates, and Postgraduate students to catalyse and leverage their research in economic and social development and/or international relations, in order to promote knowledge exchange, impact and change. The Centre therefore has a particular interest in applicants to the Visiting Fellowship who are actively engaged with ‘translational’ research. Potential applicants are encouraged to find out more about the Margaret Anstee Centre at: https://www.newn.cam.ac.uk/research/the-margaret-anstee-centre-for-global-studies/

The Margaret Anstee Centre and Newnham College are working pro-actively to address the significant under-representation of Black and mixed Black heritage women in the UK Higher Education sector, the University of Cambridge, and Newnham College, and we particularly welcome applications from early to mid-career Black or mixed Black heritage women scholars.

The award comprises a research grant of £15,000 in value and would extend over one year from January to December 2024. Subject to discussion with the successful applicant, we would expect this research grant to support the costs of a four to eight week residency at the Margaret Anstee Centre/Newnham College (including flights, transfers, visa costs for an Academic Visitor Visa, health insurance, accommodation and a modest daily allowance), with the rest to support research costs during the Fellowship (e.g. conferences, fieldwork, datasets, archival materials). It is not intended to cover the costs of salary, as candidates must already hold a salaried position at a University in a Caribbean or Latin American University and will need to provide confirmation that this salary will continue to be paid during the Margaret Anstee Visiting Fellowship. As a Visiting Fellow, while resident, the successful applicant would be eligible for up to seven meals a week in the College. Whilst in Cambridge the Visiting Fellow will have access to the University Library and Newnham College Library. Throughout the Visiting Fellowship, logistical and IT support will be offered by the Margaret Anstee Centre. During the residency part of the Fellowship, a computer and desk space will be provided. Depending on the time of year of the visit, College accommodation may be available to rent.

During their time in Cambridge, the Visiting Fellow will conduct research and contribute to the academic life of Newnham College, and the wider University. With coordination and support, they will give a public lecture hosted by the Margaret Anstee Centre, and relevant Centres and Departments, on their research.
The Margaret Anstee Visiting Fellowship aims to bring mutual benefit to the Cambridge community of scholars and students, and to the Visiting Fellow through the building of connection, exchange of ideas and experiences, and explore the possibilities of longer-term collaborations. Although based primarily at Newnham College, the Margaret Anstee Centre will help to facilitate the Visiting Fellow’s connections with any relevant Department or Centre within the University of Cambridge, including but not limited to Anthropology, Education, Modern and Medieval Languages, Geography, History, Sociology, Politics and International Studies, and/or the Centres for African Studies, Latin American Studies, South Asian Studies, Governance and Human Rights, Global Human Movement, and Development Studies. While we cannot guarantee lab space or resources, we are open to applications from women working in science and/or technology, where their work clearly contributes to economic and/or social development, or international relations.

Any questions should be addressed to the Director, Professor Emma Mawdsley, at: eem10@cam.ac.uk

Application Information

1. The Margaret Anstee Visiting Fellowship is for women at early to mid-academic career stage. This is interpreted as being up to 15 years post-PhD (not including parental or sick leave). Visiting Fellows must already hold a doctoral degree and hold a salaried academic post at a University in the Caribbean or Latin America.

2. Where a candidate awarded a Margaret Anstee Visiting Fellowship requires a visa in order to visit the UK, the appointment will be conditional upon the candidate successfully obtaining the necessary visa. It will be the primary responsibility of the candidate to apply for a visa, with the College offering any support it can. Visa costs must be paid from the research grant.

3. The Margaret Anstee Visiting Fellowship is tenable for one year from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, or one year from date of taking up the Margaret Anstee Visiting Fellowship. The Margaret Anstee Visiting Fellowship is non-renewable and no extensions are possible.

4. Applications should be made on-line by 23:59 UK local time on Friday 29 September 2023 at: https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/anstee.aspx
   The application will comprise:
   a. An application form to be completed on-line.
   b. A CV
   c. A research statement of no more than 1500 words in all, outlining the research they propose to do if awarded the Fellowship. This statement should be intelligible to those working in other but related fields and be written in English.
   d. A sample in English of academic work. This might be a paper, or book chapter, or as yet unpublished work. It should not exceed 10,000 words.
   e. The names and addresses (postal and email) of two referees familiar with the candidate’s academic work.

   (NB – Items b, c, & d must be uploaded to the online application system as pdf documents)
5. Once the candidate has completed their online application an email will be sent to each referee specified. Candidates should inform their referees that they will be unable to submit their references until this email has been received, and that both references MUST be submitted by 23:59 UK local time on Friday 6 October 2023 or they will be too late for consideration. Referees will be expected to address the candidate’s suitability for this fellowship appointment. Generic dossier references are not acceptable. Applications with fewer than two submitted references will not be considered.

6. It is expected that shortlisted candidates will be interviewed (online) during the week commencing 23 October 2023.

7. This Visiting Fellowship complies with legislation on sex discrimination, relying on the Equality Act 2010, Schedule 22, and Article 3 of the College Charter. Newnham College admits only those who are formally recognised as female and are identified as such on a current passport, driving licence, birth certificate or gender recognition certificate. This means women applicants, including transwomen applicants, and Assigned Female At Birth non-binary applicants are eligible.

8. Newnham College aims to attract and develop talent from the widest possible talent pool. We positively encourage applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates, regardless of race, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity status.

9. The data supplied by you and your referees is used by us in the first instance solely for the purposes of considering your suitability for the Fellowship and for us to manage our processes, including our monitoring of equality and diversity within the College. The legal basis for processing your personal data is that it is necessary in order for us to award and oversee the visiting fellowship. The College’s full Privacy Notice may be accessed via https://newn.cam.ac.uk/about/governance/governance-documents/data-protection-2/. The person who is responsible for monitoring compliance with relevant legislation in relation to the protection of personal information is the Bursar, data-protection@newn.cam.ac.uk, and any queries relating to the management of your personal data should be directed to the Bursar in the first instance.

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