



Further Particulars: ‘Parnell’ Stipendiary Research Fellowship in Irish Studies Competition for entry October 2026

1. Details of how to apply can be found via the Magdalene College website:
<https://www.magd.cam.ac.uk/about/vacancies/academic>
2. During your appointment you will be required to devote yourself to academic research.
3. Please note that it is the responsibility of candidates to give their referees sufficient notice so that the references can be submitted by the **competition deadline of 9am GMT on Monday 16th February 2026**. When nominated by candidates, referees will receive an automated email from the CASC Fellowship Application System (FAS) explaining how to submit their references. **Candidates are advised to check the completeness of their application a week in advance of the competition deadline to ensure their two references are submitted.**
4. On the application form, candidates are asked how much time they have spent in full time research. Any element of research that is not taught counts as research. Therefore, a taught Masters course would not count, but a Masters obtained through a research thesis would. Research time spent as a MPhil, PhD student or postdoc would count.
5. Short-listed candidates will be called for interview. Whilst a date has yet to be agreed this will take place at Magdalene College, Cambridge or if travel is not possible, over zoom.
6. If you are asked to come for interview, please note you:
 - (i) will be asked to make a 7-minute presentation, which will be followed by a 15-minute discussion;
 - (ii) should aim to make your exposition intelligible to the members of the Board some of whom will have no detailed knowledge of your subject.
 - (iii) will be expected to explain what you believe to be your personal, new contribution to your research field;
 - (iv) will be asked at the end of the interview whether, if you were to be offered a Research Fellowship, you would accept that offer. Upon acceptance of any offer it would be assumed that the applicant would withdraw from any other competitions.
 - (v) will have an opportunity at the end of the interview to ask a question

about the College or the University, though you are also encouraged to make any pertinent enquiries beforehand.

Interview travel policy: interview candidates are expected to take reasonable care to minimise the expense and the carbon footprint of their travel plans to Magdalene College for interview. Car or motorcycle mileage can be reclaimed at 30p per mile. Please travel by public transport where possible. The College can contribute towards 2nd class standard travel to Cambridge up to £200 and will require relevant receipts or copies of e-tickets for reimbursement. Candidates who do not live in Cambridge may stay in a college guest room for one night, if these are available. Please let us know if you would like to book a room if you have been shortlisted for interview. If we are unable to offer college accommodation, candidates will need to find alternatives at their own cost. Where transport within this budget is not possible, candidates can request an interview by teleconference such as Zoom/Teams.

7. If you accept an offer, you will be required to supply the Bursar of Magdalene College with a statement of any external funding and to notify the College of any change in funding during the tenure of your Fellowship. Please also note that it is a legal requirement for the College to receive from prospective Research Fellows confirmation of entitlement to work in the UK or whether a visa will be required. Magdalene College is an Equal Opportunities Employer.
8. The current gross stipend (2025-2026) for a Junior Research Fellowship at Magdalene College Cambridge is £30,345 p.a. The stipend for JRF position at the University of Notre Dame is currently \$62,652 p.a. paid on the 15th and 30th/31st of the month.
9. Whilst at Magdalene College Junior research Fellows may take advantage of single accommodation in College and will receive dining privileges. A service charge will be payable if the Fellow is resident in College. The level of service charge varies according to the allocated accommodation and is likely to be in the region of around £1600-£2200 per annum. If a Fellow chooses to be resident in College estate accommodation outside the College precincts, then rent, council tax and utility bills will be charged. There is no payment in lieu of accommodation for a Research Fellow who chooses to take private accommodation. The net stipend paid to a Research Fellow will take into account any grant or stipend which the Fellow receives from other sources. Research Fellows are automatically enrolled into the USS pension scheme. More details of this scheme can be found here <https://www.uss.co.uk/> A Research Fellow will receive all the social and dining privileges associated with an Official Fellowship.
10. Whilst in post at Notre Dame the post holder would be expected to secure their own accommodation either in or around the campus. The University of Notre Dame will provide an additional research fund of up to \$2,500 p.a. for all three years of the post. This fund can be used to retrospectively reimburse costs associated with conference travel and research activities.
11. Should you need any assistance with the online application please contact the President's Secretary via the research fellowship **email: research-fellows@magd.cam.ac.uk**