Notes for Candidates

1. 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 noon GMT on Wednesday 9th November 2022. When nominated by candidates, referees will receive an automated email from the College explaining how to submit their references. Candidates should inform referees that late references are not accepted.

It is anticipated that the successful candidate for the Lumley Fellowship will work in one of the following fields:-

- History
- History of Art
- Classics

2. If you are selected for the initial long-list of candidates whose work is to be read you will be asked to provide a section of your dissertation or some published articles (the total submission to be up to a maximum of about 15,000 words excluding footnotes and bibliography) which you specified in your application. Please note that written work must correspond with the titles on your application form. Please do not submit written work unless you are asked specifically to do so.

3. Written work will be read by experts in the field, who will report to the Committee. We regret that reports cannot be shared with candidates. On the basis of the information provided in your application form, references, and the reports of the readers, a short-list will be drawn up of (we anticipate) 3 people for each Fellowship.

3. Short-listed candidates will be called for interview; and the expenses of travel (within the United Kingdom only) will be paid by the College. Candidates from outside the United Kingdom will be interviewed via Skype or Zoom. It is anticipated that interviews will take place during the afternoon of Thursday 2 February 2023. In the event of an evolution of UK Government or Magdalene College policy (e.g. Covid-19 related) precluding attendance in person at interview, interviews will take place via a platform such as Skype or Zoom.

4. 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; however, the panel will also include an invited expert in your discipline;
   (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.
   (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.

5. If you accept an offer, you will be required to supply the Bursar with a statement of any external funding and of your earned income from all sources 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.

6. The current gross stipend (2023-2024) for a Research Fellow is £24,890 p.a. (subject to an annual cost of living award). A reduced scale of stipend will apply to Research Fellows who are full-time students. A service charge will be made 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 £1,300-£2,000 per annum. If a Fellow is resident in College estate accommodation outside the College precincts, then rent, council tax and normal 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 and, in the case of a Research Fellow who has not yet taken the Ph.D. degree, the College may pay certain approved University Fees.

7. Should you need any assistance with this on-line application please contact the President’s Secretary, email: research-fellows@magd.cam.ac.uk