Academic Visitors

The Academic Committee of Magdalene welcomes applications from established academics or professional people wishing to spend a short period of sabbatical leave in Cambridge and who will return to their home institution at the end of their period of leave. The non-stipendiary status of Academic Visitor is granted for periods of up to one year and is not normally renewable. Please note that the UK immigration authorities will not allow Academic Visitors from non-EU countries to remain in the UK for longer than one year. For the latest information on entry to the UK please visit the UK Border Agency website and apply using a VAF1E application form.

Visiting Fellows are senior and very distinguished visitors who wish to pursue a scholarly project, and also those younger outstanding academics who would normally be affiliated to a Faculty or Department for the duration of their visit. Frequently they are proposed by Fellows of the College. Academic Visitor status is only appropriate for those making an enquiry about affiliation who are not resident in Cambridge and who do not fulfil the above requirements for Visiting Fellow status. They must be of reasonable academic or professional standing and in Cambridge for a serious scholarly purpose.

Academic Visitors may use all the facilities of the College when they are open; may attend dinner in Ramsay Hall and other meals (i.e. breakfast, lunch and dinner) when the kitchens are open and attend any College activity open to all members of the College. Academic Visitors are not entitled to introduce guests nor are they entitled to attend Guest Nights or other formal functions. Use of the College Libraries will be granted only after application in writing to the Pepys Librarian.

Accommodation

Magdalene offers no accommodation for Academic Visitors. Visitors requiring accommodation are advised to contact the University Accommodation Service.
The status of Academic Visitor

Academic Visitor status does not imply membership of the University or give the right to use the facilities of the academic departments of the University. Visitors wishing to have an affiliation with a particular department or library must write to the Head of Department or Librarian concerned, requesting such affiliation. Contact information for Departments is available via the University of Cambridge website.

Dates of terms

Term dates for the current and forthcoming academic years can be found on the website.

Applications

Applications should normally be made six months in advance of your visit and the visit should be for no less than a term or eight weeks. We accept Academic Visitors in the summer Research Period, but we do have extended kitchen closures in the summer months. Please apply with covering letter or email, enclosing a concise two-page CV, a copy of your letter from the Department which confirms if departmental affiliation is being sought or awaiting confirmation, and a reference. Hard copy applications should be addressed to the Academic Registrar, Magdalene College, Cambridge CB3 OAG. Emails to senior.tutor (at) magd.cam.ac.uk.

New applications will be considered at Academic Committee meetings throughout the academic year.

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