Advice for Referees

The Junior Research Fellowships are early-career appointments intended to offer early-career academics of exceptional intellectual calibre the opportunity to pursue excellent research for up to three years at Queens'.

Candidates will be judged against the very highest academic criteria across different fields. The standard of research expected for election to a Junior Research Fellowship is much higher than that which is sufficient for the successful completion of a PhD. The College would greatly value your views on the applicant's research and future potential.

Your reference should do the following:

- describe the candidate's field of research;
- comment on the precise scope, quality, and significance of the candidate's research (and, where candidates are or have been conducting their research as part of a research group, to comment, if you are in a position to do so, on the extent to which their research is intellectually distinct from that of the group);
- provide an assessment of the achievement of the candidate in comparison with other known researchers, past or present, at a similar stage of their careers;
- give a full description of the candidate's strengths and weaknesses, academic and other (your comments will be treated as confidential in so far as possible under UK data protection law).

You will receive an automated email requesting your reference once the applicant has completed the compulsory section of the application. This does not mean that the application has been fully completed or submitted.

The Fellowship Application System will allow you to suggest the names and contact details of expert readers who could authoritatively assess the candidate's written or published research if the candidate is shortlisted for interview. **Please suggest up to three such expert readers.**

Please upload your reference (in pdf format) and nominate readers on our secure online Fellowship Application System. You are kindly requested to submit your reference **no later than 1200 BST (1100 GMT) on Friday 2 September 2016**.