

The National Army Museum, The Centre for Geopolitics, Cambridge and Queens' College, Cambridge Junior Research Fellowship in the History of the British Army, c. 1650- c. 1800

Further Particulars

The National Army Museum (www.nam.ac.uk) and the Centre for Geopolitics, Cambridge (www.cfg.polis.cam.ac.uk) are pleased to be able to sponsor a new Junior Research Fellowship in the history of the British Army at Queens' College, Cambridge.

The National Army Museum is the country's leading authority on the British Army from its formation to the present day. Established in 1960, it was charged by Queen Elizabeth II to pursue and encourage research into 'the history and traditions of Our Army and all matters connected therewith.' Its new research Institute plays a vital role in fulfilling this mission, bringing together researchers, academics and Museum professionals, to conduct, champion, and communicate outstanding research into the Army and its people.

The Centre for Geopolitics is a research centre within the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS). The Centre's mission is to engage the major problems of world order, past, present and future. By applying historical analysis, political science and the experience of practitioners to the world's most pressing geopolitical challenges, it offers a deeper understanding of where these challenges have come from, how they may develop and how they might be resolved.

Queens' is one of the thirty-one constituent colleges of the University of Cambridge. It has about 500 undergraduates and 450 postgraduate students, making it a larger than average College. The College has over 60 teaching staff and members of the Governing Body (Fellows) and about 140 other staff. A wide range of further information about the College is provided on our website: www.queens.cam.ac.uk.

Queens' is committed to fostering equality, inclusiveness and diversity. We strongly encourage applications from women, disabled people and people from BME backgrounds, as these groups are currently under-represented on the College's academic staff.

Tenure

This position is tenable from 1 October 2022 for a period of three years and is not renewable.

Eligibility

This post is open to candidates with research interests in the British Army and Grand Strategy across the long eighteenth century, with particular reference to North America. Candidates whose research encompasses both operational experience and strategic or geopolitical thinking are particularly welcome to apply.

The successful candidate will be based at the Centre for Geopolitics and at Queens' College. They will work with, and be managed by, Professor Brendan Simms, Director of the Centre, in collaboration with Dr Glyn Pryor, Head of Research at the National Army Museum. They will be expected to draw on the Museum's collections in their research outputs wherever possible, and contribute to the NAM's public events programme.

Junior Research Fellowships are early-career appointments intended to offer early-career academics of exceptional intellectual calibre the opportunity to pursue research for up to three years at Queens'. This competition is open to graduates of any university who are well advanced in their doctoral research or have recently embarked on postdoctoral research.

The Junior Research Fellowship would be a successful candidate's first substantial salaried academic or research appointment; or, in the case of a non-stipendiary appointment, would be held alongside the

successful candidate's first substantial salaried research appointment, which must be within the University of Cambridge.

English is the working language of the University of Cambridge and it is essential that candidates be able to work successfully in an English-speaking environment. Competence in English will be a criterion at every stage of the recruitment process, and particular attention will be paid to this in the assessment of written work and at interview.

Applications

Applications, which should include a covering letter, full curriculum vitae, and a 1000-word statement of research and teaching experience should be uploaded no later than 12 noon on 30 September 2021 to

https://app.casc.cam.ac.uk/fas_live/qnamjrf.aspx

Applicants are asked to ensure that two referees upload references on their behalf to the CASC system by the same date.

Short-listed candidates will be contacted to provide a writing sample and interviews will take place subsequently.

Stipend and Benefits

The salary of a stipendiary postdoctoral Junior Research Fellow starts at point 37 on the University's single spine (£29,176) or point 32 (£25,217) for those yet to complete their PhD. There are additional benefits worth over £4,509 p.a. that relate to meals, accommodation and research expenses.

Junior Research Fellows are expected to engage in full-time research activity supplemented by some college teaching as may be necessary and convenient from time to time; and are encouraged to take an active part in the academic life of the relevant faculty or department of the University of Cambridge.

The College reserves the right not to make an election. Queens' College pursues an equal opportunities policy. We are committed to the principles of equal opportunities and respect for individuals. We strive to create and maintain an inclusive environment that represents a variety of backgrounds, skills and perspectives. We work to recruit students and staff from a wide range of backgrounds because we believe the diversity of the College is critical in achieving our strategic aims and in ensuring the long-term health and success of Queens'. The College has a responsibility to ensure that all employees are eligible to live and work in the UK.