

The purpose of Junior Research Fellowships is to offer candidates of exceptional intellectual calibre, for whom the Fellowship would be their first substantial paid academic or research appointment, an opportunity to pursue research for up to four years.

The Fellowships are available in all branches of University studies. More detailed information can be found in the Further Particulars on the JRF website:

<https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/applying/jrf/>

As the Research Supervisor of the candidate, the Committee would be grateful if you could submit a reference on the Fellowship Application System. You will receive a link to the relevant web page by email once the candidate has entered your details. We ask you:

1. To describe the candidate's field of research. This information is to help us assign the application to the correct Elector. We should like a very short (1 - 6 word) description, such as 'mathematics – number theory' or 'Spanish economic history (seventeenth century)'.
2. To indicate whether any of the candidate's research work has been done in collaboration with yourself, your research team or laboratory, commenting on the precise extent and quality of the candidate's own contribution. This information can be very important for our final meetings. For many candidates, especially in the humanities, the answer will be simply 'none'. For candidates who have done work in collaboration, we should like just a sentence or two, such as 'they have worked in collaboration with their supervisor and a post-doctoral assistant, but the central ideas in the thesis were entirely their own.'
3. Provide a comparative assessment of the achievement of the candidate with other known researchers, past or present, at a similar stage. Here we should like you, first, to try so far as possible to rate the candidate against a suitable comparator group or, in some cases, (a) particular individual(s), in a short sentence or two. For example, 'The candidate is within the top 10% of graduate students whose work I have supervised or examined'; 'The candidate is within the top 20% of Cambridge PhD students'; 'The candidate is at least as good as xxx, who won a Trinity JRF three years ago.'

We should also be very glad if you could give us a fuller description of the candidate's strengths and weaknesses. Your comments will be treated as confidential in so far as possible under UK data protection law.

If you have any difficulties, please contact the Administrator. It would be helpful to us and to the applicant if you could do this as soon as possible.



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The deadline for these references will be 12:00 (noon) on Thursday 27 August 2026.