



The James Morgan Research Studentship

The Role

Peterhouse invites applications for a postgraduate doctoral studentship in Christian Theology or in a subject with a strong theological component. Applicants must either have been selected for ordination in the Church of England, or be in the process of discerning a vocation to ordained ministry, with a view to serving within the Church of England. Applicants may not currently be in holy orders.

The successful applicant will be expected to assist the Dean and Assistant Chaplain in supporting the life and ministry of the College Chapel. This will involve leading services and preaching, at the invitation of the Dean, as well as participating in the administration, and the social and religious activities of the Chapel, in collaboration with our committed team of student Sacristans and Chapel Officers.

Founded in 1284, Peterhouse is the oldest College in Cambridge, and is home to a small and close-knit community of Fellows, students and staff. The culture of the College Chapel is welcoming, inclusive, liturgically traditional and focussed on the Scriptures. The Chapel, built in 1632, lies at the geographical heart of the College and, outside the times of services, is a reflective space appreciated by members of the College community of all faiths.

The daily office from the Book of Common Prayer (1662) is said in Chapel on most days throughout the year, both during Term and in the vacations. There is also a weekly Eucharist, using the Common Worship rite, as well as periodic special services. There is an active and dedicated Chapel Choir, which sings on Sunday evenings, and usually on one other day during the week.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrably excellent record of academic performance at undergraduate and, where appropriate, postgraduate level, and be keen to become actively involved in the life of both Peterhouse Chapel and the wider College.

Stipend

The award is for three years and covers both the academic fees for a home student undertaking a full-time PhD (£9,858 in 2024/24) and an amount for maintenance equivalent to the University's estimate of the average basic living costs for a Cambridge postgraduate student (£18,625 in 2024/25).

The Application Process

For an informal conversation about this scholarship, potential candidates should contact the Dean of Peterhouse, The Revd Dr Stephen Hampton (Tel: 01223 338217)
email: swph2@cam.ac.uk.

Applicants for the scholarship must identify, or have identified, Peterhouse as their College of first choice on the Board of Graduate Studies application forms for admission as a graduate student in the University, or be prepared to transfer to Peterhouse if already registered as a student of the University.

Applicants are invited to submit (to Justine.Kent@pet.cam.ac.uk) a CV, a covering letter (addressed to Dr Hampton) indicating their suitability for the role, two academic references, and a letter from the relevant Bishop or Diocesan Director of Ordinands (or equivalent) confirming that they have either been selected for ordained ministry in the Church of England, or are actively engaged in the process of discernment.

The closing date for applications is 19 April 2024. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place in the week commencing 6 May 2024.