



WILLIAM GOLDING SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN THE ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Brasenose College invites applications for a William Golding Senior Research Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. This Fellowship is designed to be filled by an individual of outstanding academic distinction and with a highly distinguished research record. The Fellowship is open to individuals who are carrying out research in Oxford in any branch of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and who hold a salaried post at Professorial level.

As a Fellow, you will be welcomed into the Brasenose community, and through our various events you will have the opportunity to speak to a broad range of other Fellows and lecturers in many different disciplines. The Senior Research Fellowship will start on 1st October 2026 and, provided the Fellow continues to hold a salaried post in the University, will last, in the first instance, for five years. The Fellowship may be renewed for a maximum of one further five-year term (provided that the Fellow continues to hold a salaried post during the second term).

1. Eligibility Checklist

All criteria must be fulfilled to be eligible for this Fellowship.

- ☐ William Golding Senior Research Fellows are required to have a salaried post at Professorial level, either in the University or in a research institute associated with the University, with a tenure of at least twelve months from the date of taking up the Fellowship.
- ☐ This Fellowship may not be held in conjunction with a Fellowship at another Oxford College.

2. Duties

A William Golding Senior Research Fellow is expected to be pursuing advanced scholarship or research within the University. The College wishes to support the Fellow in these endeavours, but will not be employing or contracting with the Fellow directly for research. The Fellow will be encouraged to make an active contribution to College life, to become a College graduate adviser, and may be requested to assist in the selection of undergraduate and graduate students of the College. A William Golding Senior Research Fellow may also be invited, but not required, to undertake paid teaching of up to six hours a week for Brasenose, in which case a contract of employment will be offered.

3. Medical Questionnaire

The appointment is subject to the satisfactory completion of a medical questionnaire.

4. Allowances

The appointment is non-stipendiary, but includes membership of the Senior Common Room with free meals (when the kitchens are open) and the following allowances:

- (i) An allowance for approved research expenses, which may include travel, is currently £1,151 per annum.
- (ii) Fellows' hospitality allowance (for entertaining professional colleagues) is currently £242 per annum.

5. Equal Opportunities

Brasenose College is committed to the principle of equality of opportunity in all aspects of its activities, and operates an Equal Opportunities Policy. The full Equal Opportunities Policy is available on request.

6. Data Protection

All data supplied by applicants will be used only for the purposes of determining their suitability for the Fellowship, and will be held in accordance with the principles of the current data protection regulations. Brasenose College Privacy Notices and information on how Brasenose uses your data can be found [here](#).

7. Timetable for applications and appointment

The timetable for making the appointment is as follows:

- (i) The closing date for the receipt of applications and references is **Monday 23rd February 2026 at 9.00am**.
- (ii) Interviews are not normally held for the William Golding Senior Research Fellowship. The College Governing Body is likely to ratify the election to the Fellowship on **Wednesday 27th May 2026**.

8. Application process

Applicants are advised to check that they meet the Fellowship eligibility criteria before submitting an application.

Applications should be submitted online at <https://submit.bnc.ox.ac.uk> using the *Applications for Academic Appointments* box, by the closing date: Monday 23rd February 2026 at 9.00am.

Applicants will be asked to complete an **online application form** and then to upload the following documents in Word (.doc, .docx) or PDF format:

- (i) A full **curriculum vitae**, to include details of their academic and general record, and publications.
- (ii) A **research outline**, not exceeding 1000 words, explaining in non-technical language, the significance of the applicant's research. Samples of research or scholarly work should not be submitted with the application, but may be requested later.

All information and documents must be submitted at one time. Please have the following information ready to enter on the online application form:

- Full name and contact details
- University post: title, dates of contract, department
- Two academic referees: names and email addresses

References: Applicants should be aware that referees will be automatically contacted if your application has been successfully shortlisted.

If you have any queries, please contact the HR Team (research.fellowships@bnc.ox.ac.uk).