Drapers Non-Stipendiary Junior Research Fellowship in Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science

Further Particulars

Job title	Drapers Non-Stipendiary Junior Research Fellowship in Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science
Location	St Anne's College
Salary and hours	n/a
Benefits	Membership of the Senior Common Room (small charge payable). All meals free in termtime, and breakfast and lunch out of term (except at times when the kitchens are closed). Research allowance of £1,116 per annum.
Contract type	Fixed term from 28 September 2026 to 27 September 2029
Reporting to	The Senior Tutor and the relevant Subject Fellow

The Governing Body of St Anne's College invites applications for the Drapers Non-Stipendiary Junior Research Fellowship in Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science, tenable from 28 September 2026 for three years. The purpose of the Fellowship is to support the holder in carrying out research in their Oxford University Department/Faculty by extending an offer of college membership and enabling participation in the academic and social life of the College.

The JRF is open to those at an early stage of their academic career. Applicants should be either graduate students expecting to submit their PhD theses (or equivalent) no later than 30 June 2026, or post-doctoral researchers who on 1 October 2026 are within three years of the award of their PhDs or equivalent professional training. Career breaks do not count towards this limit. Applications are particularly welcome from women and from global-majority ethnic candidates, who are underrepresented in academic posts in St Anne's College and in the University of Oxford.

The successful applicant must either be in a fully funded research position within a department of the University of Oxford, or possess a firm offer for such a position at the time of interview. The successful applicant's employment contract with the University should last at least 12 months from 28 September 2026 and continuation of the Fellowship for a second and final year (if extended) is dependent upon having continued employment with the University.

Overview of the role

St Anne's College seeks an enthusiastic, self-motivated, talented and innovative researcher in Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science to undertake a significant programme of research.

The objectives of the College in making this appointment are:

- to develop the research profile and career of an early-career researcher;
- to develop and strengthen the research profile of the College; and more generally
- to contribute to the goal of maintaining the University of Oxford as a leading centre for research in Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science.

The purpose of the post is to offer researchers the opportunity to join an Oxford college community while they conduct their research, and to benefit from the college environment and the academic-related opportunities that arise therefrom.

Alongside conducting their chosen research, the Fellow will be invited to contribute to the College in a number of different ways, including, for example, attending and/or organising talks and seminars in the College, contributing to outreach work done by the College to encourage applications from students in under-represented groups, dining in the college at lunch time and/or at occasional formal dinners, and generally by adding value to the academic life of the College. JRFs may have the chance to act as college advisors to a limited number of graduate students in their subject and there may also be opportunities to gain valuable experience of teaching high quality students in tutorial and small group settings.

The Fellow is encouraged to convene one Subject Family event per year on a theme of interest to the Fellow. These events, at which students and researchers give short talks linked by a common theme, are attended by undergraduate and graduate students of the College, post-doctoral fellows and other early-career researchers, and more senior academics. The talks are followed by a dinner to allow informal conversation to continue.

Selection criteria

Applications will be judged on the basis of the candidate's potential to undertake a significant and exciting programme of research in the University, as evidenced by their research proposal, publication record and academic references, and on their potential to benefit from and contribute to the life of the College.

Essential criteria

1) Have an employment contract to conduct research in the University for each year of the Fellowship;

2) Hold a PhD/DPhil, or be near to completion, with the expectation of submission by 30 June 2026;

3) A strong record of education: the successful candidate must have a good Honours degree (either 1st or upper 2nd), or for EU/international applicants a qualification equivalent to a good Honours degree;

4) Demonstrate a high level of research ability, evidenced by a completed/very nearly completed doctoral thesis and/or published or forthcoming books, or articles in refereed journals, or promise of such achievement, as relevant to the candidate's field and career stage;

5) Have a coherent proposed research programme for the duration of the Fellowship, of a standard which will make a valuable contribution to the candidate's field and contribute to and enhance the national and international profile of Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science in the University;

6) Be able to communicate well about their subject: have the ability to present research findings effectively to fellow professionals at international conferences or in professional research seminars, and to undergraduate and graduate students, and to audiences not familiar with the subject area;

7) Demonstrate their commitment to adding value to the college community and show ability to do so.

Desirable criteria

1) Teaching experience at university level or evidence of the ability to teach undergraduates at a high level.

Duration

The post is subject to a satisfactory probationary period of six months. Junior Research Fellowships are fixed-term posts. The Fellowship will be awarded for one year initially, renewable for another two years, to a maximum of three years in total. The Junior Research Fellow will need to satisfy the Governing Body that they are fulfilling the academic and other requirements of the Fellowship. To this end, the Fellow will be asked to submit a written report regarding their research progress and contributions to the College in Trinity Term in each of their first and second years, before any 12-month extension is granted. Evidence of a fully funded research position within a department of the University of Oxford for each year of the fellowship will also be required. A final report will be required near the end of the fellowship term.

Conditions of the post

It is a condition of the Fellowship that the Fellow will live in Oxford and take part in College life. This condition is not intended to prevent the Fellow from residing for reasonable periods elsewhere in the UK or abroad in the interest of their research.

Duties

Alongside conducting research in their Oxford department, the successful candidate will be invited to contribute to the College by engaging in its academic life, for example by:

- attending and/or organising talks and seminars in the College;
- contributing to outreach work done by the College to encourage applications from students in under-represented groups;
- dining in the College at lunch time and/or at occasional formal dinners;
- generally adding value to the academic life of the College.

There may be the opportunity to arrange one or more subject family events on themes of interest to the Fellow. These events, at which short talks are given on a common theme, are attended by undergraduate and graduate students of the College, postdoctoral fellows and other early-career researchers, and more senior academics. The talks are followed by a dinner to allow informal conversation to continue. Non-Stipendiary Junior Research Fellows may be asked to act as College Advisors to limited numbers of graduate students in their subject. There may also be opportunity to teach undergraduate or visiting students, for which payment will be made.

Benefits

- Membership of the Senior Common Room;
- Entitlement to all meals free during term, and breakfast and lunch during vacation, except when the Hall is closed;
- A research allowance of up to £1,116 per annum.

About St Anne's College

One of the largest Colleges in the University of Oxford, with around 825 students, St Anne's is down to earth, ambitious, outward facing and collaborative. We aspire to understand the world and change it for the better. Established in 1879 to enable women from all backgrounds to access an Oxford education, the College is committed to securing our legacy and future by being a diverse and inclusive community that is the home of choice for the brightest and most ambitious from all backgrounds, including those who may initially think that Oxford is not for them. Our community includes undergraduate and graduate students, academics involved in world-leading research and teaching, and staff from a wide range of professional backgrounds.

Research and teaching are supported by the College Library, which holds one of the largest lending collections of all the Oxford colleges with around 100,000 volumes. The Library has strong interdisciplinary collections, is open 24/7, and offers generous borrowing amounts and loan periods. Library staff actively encourage suggestions for purchase and over recent years have added a number of titles requested by JRFs across all disciplines. As well as the lending collection, the Library has a small but interesting collection of rare books and it supports Fellows and JRFs who want to use these for their own research or with their students in classes held in the reading rooms.

For further information about the College, please visit http://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk.

Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science at St Anne's

St Anne's is home to professors Massimiliano Gubinelli, Ben Hambly, Sarah Waters, Dmitry Belyaev, Graham Nelson, Peter Grindrod and Terence Lyons in Mathematics, Professor Patrick Rebeschini in Statistical Science, Professor Charlotte Deane in Structural Bioinformatics and Professor Chris Holmes in Biostatistics in Genomics. In Computer Science the College has three professors, Christian Coester, Alex Rogers, and Elias Koutsoupias. The College admits around 14 Mathematics and Computer Science undergraduate students each year, creating lively cohorts of up to 56 undergraduate students at any one time. There is an annual intake of around 20 Visiting Students, and the community also includes around 40 graduate students in Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Sciences at any one time. Annual events include the St Anne's Mathematics & Computer Science Invited Lecture and Dinner.

Additional information can be found at http://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk.

How to apply

The following documents should be sent in separate .pdf or .docx files to Mx AB Siegenthaler at academic.recruitment@st-annes.ox.ac.uk:

1) a completed St Anne's application form;

2) a letter of application which should specify how you meet the eligibility and selection criteria listed above;

3) a Curriculum Vitae;

4) a Research Statement (not more than 500 words) setting out your research interests, the wider significance of your research, and your research plans for the first 12 months of the JRF. This statement should be written in a style that is accessible to non-specialists in your field;

5) a statement (not more than 500 words) setting out what you hope to get out of the association with St Anne's College, and how you would like to contribute to the College.

Please note that written work should not be sent, but may be requested at a later date.

Upon receipt of an application, candidates will also be requested to complete the equal opportunities form online; this is accessible via a link which will be sent in a separate email. These forms are used for monitoring purposes and will not be seen by any member of the selection committee.

The deadline for receipt of applications is *noon on 20 February 2026.* The email subject line should be *'[your surname] Drapers NSJRF,* and the title of each attached document should contain your surname.* It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that all relevant materials are submitted by the application deadline. Incomplete applications will be disregarded. Interviews are expected to take place in the week commencing *2 March 2026*.

Informal enquiries can be made to the Senior Tutor (senior.tutor@st-annes.ox.ac.uk) or to the Tutorial Fellow in Mathematics (sarah.waters@st-annes.ox.ac.uk). More general or practical queries about the post, recruitment process and the College should be made, in the first instance, to Mx AB Siegenthaler (academic.recruitment@st-annes.ox.ac.uk).

Right to work in the UK

The Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 makes it a criminal offence for employers to employ someone who is not entitled to work in the UK. We therefore ask applicants to provide proof of their right to work in the UK before employment can commence.

Appointees who are not British or Irish nationals will need a UK visa or proof of settled or pre-settled status.

Further information is available at: http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/workingintheuk/.

Equal opportunities

The policy and practice of St Anne's College, University of Oxford, require that entry into employment with the College and progression within employment shall be determined only by personal merit and the application criteria which are related to the duties of each particular post. Subject to statutory provisions, no applicant or member of staff will be treated less favourably than another because of his or her gender, age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation. In all cases, ability to do the job will be the primary consideration.

Our privacy statement is available at: https://www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk/privacy-policy/.

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Are there any restrictions on you taking up employment in the UK, ie do you need a visa, etc?	
(If yes, please provide details)	
Please note: referees will be approached by the College after shortlisting. Do not nominate more than two referees; additional references will not be considered. All application materials should be sent to academic.recruitment@st-annes.ox.ac.uk.	