



CHRIST CHURCH

Millard and Lee Alexander Post-doctoral Fellowship 2026/27

Applications are invited for the Millard and Lee Alexander Fellowship, in Mathematics or one of the Physical Sciences, for the academic year 2026-2027.

Christ Church

Christ Church, one of the largest colleges of Oxford University, is strongly committed to teaching and research. The College has around 470 undergraduates and 250 graduates, and around 200 senior members. Our academics teach their students in tutorials, a system which enables undergraduates to work with experienced tutors in small groups. The subjects offered at Christ Church cover the whole spectrum, including Arts, Social Sciences, Medical Sciences and Physical Sciences. Christ Church tutors strongly believe in the joint pursuit of teaching and research. For more information please visit: <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/>.

Millard and Lee Alexander Post-doctoral Fellowship

The Fellowship provides College affiliation to a postdoctoral researcher in Mathematics or one of the Physical Sciences, working within the University of Oxford. Applicants must have completed their doctoral studies at a university other than Oxford and must not already hold any college affiliation within Oxford.

Terms and Conditions

The fellowship is offered on a non-stipendiary basis: the Fellow is not an employee of Christ Church, and the Fellowship does not constitute an employment.

Applicants should either hold, or have received a firm offer of, a fully-funded postdoctoral position in the research group of a member of staff in one of the laboratories or departments of Oxford University's Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences Division, or have received a firm offer for such a role commencing by 1st October 2026, and continuing at least at least until 30th September 2027.

The initial period of the Fellowship is for one year, but it may be renewed for up to one further year, provided that the departmental appointment continues.

Benefits

Holders of the Millard and Lee Alexander Postdoctoral Fellowship will be provided with:

- Membership of the Senior Common Room with free lunches and dinners during periods when meals are available
- Use of a shared office
- A housing allowance of £3,907 (current rates).

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

Applications will be judged only against the criteria which are set out below, and applicants should ensure that their application shows clearly how their skills and experience meet these criteria.



If, for any reason, you have taken a career break or have had an atypical career and wish to disclose this in your application, the selection committee will take this into account.

Selection criteria:

- Applicants should have carried out their doctoral research at a university other than Oxford and should not have an existing affiliation with an Oxford college. They should either hold, or have received a firm offer of, a fully-funded postdoctoral position in the research group of a member of staff in one of the laboratories or departments of Oxford University's Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences Division, or have received a firm offer for such a role commencing by 1st October 2026, and continuing at least at least until 30th September 2027.
- Applicants must demonstrate independence and the ability to undertake research of the highest academic standard.
- Applicants must demonstrate a strong publication record (as appropriate for the stage of their career) and familiarity with the existing research in the field.
- Applicants must possess sufficient specialist knowledge in the discipline to develop, manage and successfully complete research projects.
- Applicants must demonstrate the ability to raise research funds through making grant applications (as appropriate for the field and stage of their career).
- Applicants must demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, as evidenced by conference and other presentations, teaching experience and publications.

How to Apply

Please apply using the online application form available at https://fas.chch.ox.ac.uk/fas_live/chchmlapf/ no later than the deadline of **noon 19 January 2026**. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

Application documents, uploaded as a single pdf, should include:

- Academic CV, not exceeding three pages (font size of at least 10 pt.) that clearly provides details of your current post (including its end date since employment by the University for the duration of the appointment is a requirement) and key publications and achievements.
- Covering letter not exceeding 350 words that highlights key achievements and current/future projects and indicates briefly how you and Christ Church would benefit from a research-related association.

Appointments will be subject to current and valid permission to be in the United Kingdom and permission to undertake the activities in question.



It is expected that the successful Millard and Lee Alexander candidate will be announced during May 2026.

References

Every applicant is asked to name two references and are responsible for requesting references from their referees. Referees should submit references online by the closing date of **Noon 19 January 2026**. Once applicants have provided their details in their online application, referees will be sent an email containing a link to do this. Applicants should therefore give referees enough time to write in their support.

The college will not request references directly from the referees. Christ Church is grateful to referees for their assistance; and it hopes that they will understand the impracticability of acknowledging receipt of referees' letters.

Offer of employment

Applications for these Fellowships will be considered by a selection committee. The selection committee is responsible for conducting all aspects of the selection process; it does not, however, have the authority to make the final decision as to who should be appointed. The final decision will be made by the Governing Body of Christ Church based on a recommendation made by the selection committee. No offer of appointment will be valid, therefore, until and unless the recommendation has been approved by the Governing Body, and a formal appointment offer has been made.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact academic.recruitment@chch.ox.ac.uk

Please note that any personal data submitted to Christ Church as part of the application process will be used only for the purposes of determining suitability for the post and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and related UK data protection legislation. For further information, please see the Christ Church Privacy Notice available at: <https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/privacy-policy>.

Christ Church is committed to equality of opportunity. It is our policy and practice that entry into employment and progression within employment will be determined only by criteria which are related to the duties of a particular post and the relevant salary scale. No applicant or member of staff will be treated less favourably than another because of their age, disability, ethnicity, marital or civil partnership status, parental status, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all candidates. We particularly encourage applications from minority groups who are under-represented in the College. If other considerations are equal preference may be given to applicants currently residing in North America, Australia and New Zealand.