



GEOFFREY GARTON CREATIVE ARTS FELLOWSHIP IN CREATIVE WRITING 2026 (NON-ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP)

Applications are invited for a Creative Arts Fellowship in Creative Writing at Wolfson College, a graduate College of the University of Oxford.

Founded in 1966, Wolfson is one of the University's largest graduate colleges and distinctive in its academic scope and international reach. Wolfson has grown and evolved over the past 60 years, retaining its founding President Sir Isaiah Berlin's egalitarian ethos of being 'new, untrammelled and unpyramided'. The College motto is 'Humani nil alienum' – nothing human is foreign to me'; it is international, interdisciplinary, and diverse. In line with this legacy we encourage applications from candidates from all backgrounds and communities, with a variety of skills, abilities and experiences.

Wolfson is a community of about 850 students, studying for both master's degrees and doctorates, and around 110 research fellows, housed in architecturally outstanding buildings, which are set in beautiful gardens beside the River Cherwell in North Oxford. We have an impressive new academic wing and auditorium, added over the last ten years. The College is the most biodiverse in Oxford and the leader in decarbonization, having become completely zero-carbon across the whole estate in 2023. The College has a strong egalitarian and democratic ethos and is known as one of the most energetic, innovative, and welcoming scholarly communities in Oxford. There is a single Common Room for all members of College, with shared dining facilities and an extremely family-friendly environment and an on-site nursery.

The College offers a stipend of £13,128 per annum plus an allowance of £2,300 per annum towards the expenses of the Fellow, and provides an office for the duration of the Fellowship. The Fellowship was established with an endowment by Geoffrey Garton, former Fellow at the College, and rotates through creative writing, music, performing arts and visual arts.

The Fellowship is not an academic post. It is intended for a person engaged in any aspect of creative writing, and writing of any style. The Fellow should be prepared to be an active member of the College, and should live within commuting distance of Oxford. We are open to applications from anyone involved in creative writing, and are not prescriptive. What matters most is that candidates should be interested in working within the community here as they advance their craft. You may want to look at our website to see the [range of work done by our research clusters](#) and consider whether there are possible collaborations. The Oxford Centre for Life Writing includes those working in creative non-fiction; the Earth Emergency Cluster is particularly focussed on climate change issues, as part of the College's overall commitment to decarbonisation; other research clusters offer the potential for interchange with creative writers.

There are no set hours of work and the person appointed will be expected to use their own judgement and discretion as to how best to allocate their time to achieve their goals. We would not generally anticipate that the hours of work, which will be undertaken on a flexible basis as necessary, will exceed 20 hours per week. The appointment is subject to producing satisfactory evidence of your right to work in the UK, obtaining satisfactory references, satisfactory completion of a medical questionnaire and signing a contract of employment.

The Fellowship will carry full membership of College and Common Table rights (ie an allowance of up to £59.50 a week for the Fellow's own meals taken in the College Hall). The Fellowship will be tenable from 1 October 2026 for a period of two years, with the possibility of extension for one further year.

**The Successful Candidate will:**

- Clearly demonstrate their creative engagement with an aspect of creative writing.
- Demonstrate experience relevant to this Fellowship.
- Provide evidence of sustained professional artistic activities of a high calibre.
- Demonstrate enthusiasm for contributing to the cultural life of the College and a commitment to engaging with the College community, with a view to increasing awareness of and interest in creative writing.

References

References will be requested after the shortlisting stage for interview candidates who should themselves contact their two referees asking them **without further request** to send a confidential reference to the President's Office before the interview date. References should be emailed (as a pdf) to the President's Office on presidents.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk

Applications

Applications should include:

- A completed application form and a curriculum vitae (no more than two pages).

Please email your complete application to arrive by the closing date to:

presidents.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk Please send as ONE pdf file (excluding the optional Recruitment Monitoring form which should be sent separately as it does not constitute part of the application.)

OPTIONAL – if you wish to complete and return the optional Recruitment Monitoring Form, please send as a separate pdf. It does not form part of the application.

CLOSING DATE:**FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2026****INTERVIEW DATE****THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026**

No alternative interview date will be offered

UK Border Agency legislation on the Right to Work in the UK

Successful candidates will be required to provide satisfactory evidence of their Right to Work in the UK. This is a requirement for 'unpaid' positions as well as paid employment.

**APPLICATION FOR A STIPENDIARY CREATIVE ARTS FELLOWSHIP
IN CREATIVE WRITING 2026**

**A MAXIMUM TWO PAGE CV SHOULD BE SENT IN ADDITION TO THIS APPLICATION FORM – COVERING
LETTERS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION**

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL PARTS

NAME IN FULL (UNDERLINE LAST NAME)	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE	
EMAIL	
EXPLAIN BRIEFLY WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WOLFSON COLLEGE	
PLEASE GIVE A SUMMARY OF WORK TO BE DONE DURING THE TENURE OF THE FELLOWSHIP	
HOW WOULD YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE CULTURAL LIFE AT WOLFSON COLLEGE AND INCREASE INTEREST IN CREATIVE ARTS?	
CURRENT POST OR OCCUPATION	

Applications should be addressed to: The President's Office, Wolfson College, Linton Road, Oxford, OX2 6UD. Please submit your application as a single PDF file by the closing date to:
presidents.office@wolfson.ox.ac.uk