

**Rosemary Pountney Junior Research Fellowship in
British and/or European Drama 1890–present
Further Particulars**

Job title	Rosemary Pountney Junior Research Fellowship in British and/or European Drama 1890–present
Location	St Anne's College
Salary and hours	£36,899 per annum for the academic year 2026–28, including up to three hours of teaching per week in each term.
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 21 September 2026 to 20 September 2028
Reporting to	The Senior Tutor and the relevant College Fellow in English and Modern Languages

The Governing Body of St Anne's College invites applications for the Rosemary Pountney Junior Research Fellowship in British and/or European Drama 1890–present, tenable from 21 September 2026 for two years.

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 21 June 2026, or post-doctoral researchers who on 21 September 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.

Overview of the role

St Anne's College seeks an enthusiastic, self-motivated, talented and innovative researcher in British and/or European Drama 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 British and/or European Drama.

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 an area of British and/or European drama written between 1890 and the present, 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

The successful candidate will:

- 1) Have 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;
- 2) Hold a PhD/DPhil, or be near to completion with the expectation of submission by 21 June 2026;
- 3) Have a high level of research ability as demonstrated 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;
- 4) 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 drama studies;
- 5) Have the ability and willingness to participate in pedagogic, pastoral, and organisational tasks in the College;
- 6) Demonstrate their commitment to adding value to the college community and show ability to do so.

Desirable criteria

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

Duration

This is a fixed-term post tenable for two years, which is subject to a satisfactory probationary period of four months. 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 in Trinity Term of the first year. A final report will be required near the end of the fellowship term.

Duties

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- engage in research and its dissemination;
- propose, plan and manage a high-quality programme of original research;
- publicise the outcomes of that research through presentation of papers and publications;
- undertake up to three hours of teaching per week during term time for the College, where appropriate;
- take an active part in the intellectual life of the College's academic community, including convening at least one Subject Family Event where possible.

Junior Research Fellows require the permission of Governing Body before undertaking any other paid employment, whether in termtime or in the vacation. They will be permitted to teach up to three hours per week in total if circumstances warrant it and permission has been sought from the Senior Tutor.

Salary and benefits

- A salary of £36,899 per annum. This figure may be reduced to take account of any award or grant already held by or promised to the successful applicant;
- Membership of the Senior Common Room and entitlement to all meals in term time and breakfast and lunch outside of term;
- A research allowance of up to £1,116 per annum;
- The Fellow will become a member of the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS). Details of the pension scheme are available via the University of Oxford's USS webpage.

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>.

English and Modern Languages at St Anne's

The College currently admits on average eight students a year to read English and joint honours, and about 13 students a year to read Modern Languages and joint honours, at undergraduate level. English can be read jointly with Classics and with Modern Languages, and Modern Languages can be taken jointly with Classics, History, Philosophy, Middle Eastern Languages, and Linguistics. There are currently three students reading for Master's and five reading for doctoral degrees in English, and five students reading for Master's and five for doctoral degrees in Modern Languages.

St Anne's has a large and diverse group of fellows in English and in Modern Languages. In English, Sïan Grønlie, Professor in English Language and Literature, is an expert in Old Norse and Old English; Prof Freya Johnston's research interests lie in the Early Modern, Romantic, 18th Century and Victorian periods; Matthew Reynolds is Professor of English and Comparative Criticism; Prof Andrew Klevan's research interests are in film criticism. In Modern Languages, Prof Geraldine Hazbun works on the literature of medieval Iberia; Prof Patrick McGuinness' main research interests include 19th and 20th century French literature; Simon Park, Associate Professor in Medieval and Renaissance Portuguese, works on literature from across the Portuguese-speaking world in the Early Modern period. Dr Cat Watts is the current Kathleen Bourne Junior Research Fellow in French. There is also a committed team of lecturers in English and in Modern Languages.

The Oxford Comparative Criticism and Translation Research Centre, a joint enterprise between St Anne's and the University, creates opportunities for postgraduate students and early career academics through fortnightly discussion groups, the publication of a Review, and conferences. An interdisciplinary Master's degree in Comparative Literature and Critical Translation started in October 2019. St Anne's also hosts the Oxford Translation Day, an annual public-facing festival of literature and translation, and the Oxford-Weidenfeld Translation Prize.

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 curriculum vitae;
- 3) 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;
- 4) 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 17 April 2026*. The email subject line should be *[your surname] Rosemary Pountney JRF*, 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 *4 May 2026*.

Informal enquiries can be made to the Senior Tutor (senior.tutor@st-annes.ox.ac.uk) or to the Tutorial Fellow in English (matthew.reynolds@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 .					