Further Particulars

Gonville & Caius is one of the oldest and largest Colleges of the University of Cambridge. Founded in 1348, it combines the best of Cambridge tradition with twenty-first-century teaching and research.

Caius’ beautiful Old Courts are located right in the heart of Cambridge. The College is home to an academic community of around 780 undergraduate and postgraduate students, together with 110 Fellows and almost 200 staff.

Gonville & Caius College invites applications for research in one of the following fields:

- Biblical studies, including rabbinics and patristics
- The comparative study of religion
- Ancient Eastern languages and literature
- The history and social anthropology of Asia, especially Near and Middle Eastern societies in the pre-modern period

Applications

Applications should be submitted to the Master's Secretary, masters.secretary@cai.cam.ac.uk to arrive not later than 24th February 2020. Late applications will not be accepted.

1. A curriculum Vitae
2. The contact details of two academic referees
3. A covering letter indicating:
   a) Education, qualifications and a list of publications
   b) Appointment and awards held
   c) Stipend or other financial assistance receivable after 1 October 2020
   d) Any appointments or awards applied for and not yet decided
   e) Subject of proposed research and outline of programme
   f) Any plans for travel or publications, with estimated cost
   g) Any other evidence that the candidate may wish to submit

4. Candidates are not required to submit any written work.
5. Candidates are not required to attend for interview.

Benefactors

Stanley Arthur Cook (1873-1949) was admitted to the College in 1891 and elected to a Drosier Fellowship in 1907. He was Regius Professor of Hebrew at the University of Cambridge from 1932 to 1938.

Professor Cook’s Will, dated 10th October 1947, left pecuniary gifts of around £5,600 to members of his family and academic institutions which he had
supported in his lifetime, with the residue of the Estate coming to the College. The 
probate value of his estate was £32,127 so the College received property and 
investments worth around £26,500. The Will simply asks the College to use his 
bequest for the furtherance of those subjects to which he had tried to devote his 
life. In an earlier letter, dated 23rd August 1939, Professor Cook identified the 
subjects that he had been interested in as:

- The critical study of the Bible and all that bears on it and elucidates it;
- Ancient Eastern Languages and Literature;
- Comparative studies of Philosophy, Law and Religion;
- Anthropology and Sociology.

**Patricia Crone** (March 28, 1945 – July 11, 2015) was a Fellow of Caius from 1990 
to 1997. She was made an Honorary Fellow of the College in May 2013. The major 
theme of Crone's scholarly life was the fundamental questioning of the historicity 
of Islamic sources about the beginnings of Islam. She left Caius to take up a 
position at Princeton in the Institute of Advanced Studies where she remained 
until her untimely death in 2015. Her generous legacy to the College included the 

wish that

“I direct that my bequest first be used to bring the S A COOK FUND to an amount 
which, in the opinion of the College, will ensure that there is always a Cook Fellow 
receiving the fund, without interruption. I request without imposing any obligation 
on the College that Clause 4 of the Fund be amended to read “The History and 
Social Anthropology of Asian Especially Near and Middle Eastern Societies Before 
the Advent of Industry.” Should the full amount of this bequest not be needed for 
such a purpose, I devise the balance to the MASTER AND FELLOWS OF GONVILLE 
AND CAIUS COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE, for its general use and purposes.”

and has enabled the College to advertise the S.A. Cook Bye-Fellowship on an annual 
basis. The College has also recognized Patricia’s generosity by renaming one of its 
Research Fellowships after her, “The Crone Research Fellowship”.

**Eligibility**
The successful candidate will normally have produced significant published work. 
Research students who have not been approved for the PhD at the date of 
application are not eligible. 
The Bye-Fellowship is tenable from 1 October 2020 (or such other date as may be 
agreed with the successful candidate).

**Bye-Fellowship Details**
1. The preferred start date is 1 October 2020 (or such other date as may be 
agreed with the successful candidate).
2. This is a fixed-term one-year appointment and is for the purpose of carrying 
out some specific research project, free of other commitments
3. This position is open to established researchers, including those on leave or 
on secondment from university posts.
4. The post cannot be held in conjunction with any other appointment or 
award, but a limited amount of paid College teaching, and occasional 
lecturing and examining are normally allowed.
5. Candidates should not at the time of application be employed by Cambridge 
University or a Cambridge College but the successful candidate may be 
offered a visiting position in a relevant Faculty or Institution.”
6. The Bye-Fellowship comes with a possible stipend of up to £30,000. This can be paid as a stipend to include on-costs if appropriate, or to cover expenses; or used towards replacement teaching costs at your University; or in other ways to be agreed with the Senior Bursar.
7. Up to ten meals per week in College will be provided free of charge.
8. The College offers free or subsidised accommodation (some of it suitable for double occupancy).
9. A Bye-Fellow will receive the full benefits of a Fellowship without obligation to sit on committees or to take on administrative work. They are not formally admitted to the College and they are not invited to attend the College’s termly General Meeting.
10. The successful candidate will be expected to engage in the academic and social life of the College.

**Timetable**

1. The closing date for applications is Monday 24th February 2020.
2. Applications will be reviewed by the Bye-Fellowship Committee at a meeting in the week beginning Monday 2 March 2020.
3. A recommendation will be made to the College Council for its meeting on Wednesday 11th March 2020.
4. The successful candidate will be notified by the College no later than Friday 13th March 2020.
5. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified by e-mail by Friday 20th March 2020.
6. Routine feedback will not be issued.
7. Candidate to take up place no later than 1 October 2020 (or such other date as agreed). The Bye-Fellowship is tenable for one year only.