Jesuit Postdoctoral Fellowship at Campion Hall:
Job description and selection criteria

About the role

Campion Hall seeks to appoint an outstanding Jesuit researcher, in any field, to a Postdoctoral Fellowship. The Fellowship will be fixed term for two years, from 1st October 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter. It will be supported by the British Province, in accordance with the practices of the Society of Jesus.

The Fellow will be responsible for devising, carrying out and managing their own research project at an advanced level. They will be resident in the Hall, participating in community life and contributing to the academic programme during termtime. The Fellow will have access to a research allowance.

The Fellowship is not restricted to a particular academic discipline, but we would particularly welcome applications from those who take a transdisciplinary approach to their research, and have interests linked to the Hall’s research strengths including integral ecology, refugee studies, or other fields in the social sciences and humanities. More information about research at Campion Hall can be found here.

In addition to their primary commitment to advancing their research, the Fellow will be asked to contribute to the development of the Hall’s outreach to the local community in Oxford, as an integral part of the role (up to 1 day a week).

Eligibility

The following eligibility criteria will apply:

- The candidate will be a Jesuit in formation, pre-tertianship (a condition of the funding provision).
- The successful applicant will demonstrate academic excellence and momentum in their research.
- Candidates will normally be within 3 years of having completed their doctoral degree, unless exceptional circumstances have prevented them from progressing in their research. A doctoral candidate who has submitted but not yet defended their thesis may be considered.
- Candidates may be from any field of study, though applicants from the Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines may have most synergies with the research community in the Hall.
- Candidates will be prepared and able to develop the Hall’s outreach to the local community.
- Applicants from any part of the world are welcome to apply, subject to visa restrictions.

Application process

Candidates are invited to send, no later than Monday 13th May, the following documents to the Hall’s Executive Administrator (trudi.preston@campion.ox.ac.uk): a supporting letter, curriculum vitae, and a 500-word research plan for the period of the Fellowship. Please arrange for two references to be sent to the same address by the deadline, which will address your academic record and contribution to the community. Questions about the post or the process may be addressed to the Senior Tutor (sarah.apetrei@campion.ox.ac.uk), or the Master (nicholas.austin@campion.ox.ac.uk).
About Campion Hall

Founded by the Society of Jesus in 1896, Campion Hall is one of four Permanent Private Halls in the University of Oxford. It is an international community of fellows, graduate students, and staff, who share the motivation to be a welcoming community of learning, research, and outreach for a reconciled world. Its unique character combines the intellectual and educational traditions of Oxford and the Society of Jesus.

As one of the smaller graduate communities in the University of Oxford, Campion Hall offers a supportive learning environment that carefully attends to each member’s academic and non-academic development. Campion Hall’s research, inspired by the Jesuit tradition, promotes an academic endeavour and dialogue towards a new vision of humanity and a reconciled world. To this end, it focuses especially on four areas: the Humanities, Theology and Spirituality, Ethics and Social Justice, and Integral Ecology.

The Hall is home to the Laudato Si’ Research Institute (LSRI). Formed in 2019, the mission of the LSRI is to build the intellectual foundations for a reordering of society toward care for the earth and the poor. It engages in research that incorporates a wide range of disciplinary perspectives, including the wisdom of religious traditions and marginalised voices, and is oriented toward practice.