Applications for British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships 2016-2017

The Department of Archaeology and Anthropology welcomes high quality applications for British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships.

The British Academy have asked Universities to reduce the number of applications they are putting forward for the postdoctoral fellowships competition in order to improve the quality of applications, and reduce the number of applications the Academy receives to a manageable level. The details of last year's call, and the outline of this year's, can be found on the Academy's website: http://www.britac.ac.uk/british-academy-postdoctoral-fellowships

Awards are for three years and cover the salary of the Postdoctoral Fellow to work full-time on the Fellowship, small-scale research expenses (up to £6K), costs towards the time of a mentor and the host institution's estates and indirect costs. It is anticipated that 45 awards will be made by the Academy.

The timetable and application procedure is as follows:

1. Applicant submits an ‘internal expression of interest’ (see Annex 1) to Sophia Caldwell (sgc42@cam.ac.uk) by 12.00 noon on Wednesday 31 August.

Preliminary ranking committees will meet between 1-5 September and send the applications they judge to be of sufficient quality to a full Department of Archaeology and Anthropology ranking Committee.

The Departmental ranking Committee will meet between 6-8 September and will send the top ranked applications to the University of Cambridge's Research Strategy Office by their deadline of Friday 9 September.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their initial expression of interest in sufficient time for successful applicants to complete their outline application to the British Academy. The British Academy's deadline is 5 October 2016.

Successful applicants will be instructed on how to proceed to complete the preliminary budgets for their projects and submit to the British Academy.

Applicants are encouraged to contact an academic working in the relevant discipline in the Department (for listings see for Archaeology, for Biological Anthropology and for Social Anthropology) in order to discuss their proposal before submitting their expression of interest.

Please contact Sophia Caldwell (sgc42@cam.ac.uk) for further information.
Annex 1

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships
University of Cambridge - Internal Expression of Interest Form

Call Details (for last year's round) http://www.britac.ac.uk/british-academy-postdoctoral-fellowships

Please submit this completed form to researchstrategy@admin.cam.ac.uk by 9th September 2016 (17:00).

Applicant’s name and department:

Proposed mentor(s) name(s) and department(s):

Research project title:

Research project description (maximum 750 words). Please address the following:

- outline the research problem (s) you are seeking to address and say why it is distinctive;
- how your proposed research will tackle this research problem(s) – its design and methodology;
- how your proposed research will significantly change the established landscape;
- how your project fits with the timeframe of the award (its feasibility);
- why Cambridge is the “best-fit” environment for this project;
- the appropriateness and demonstration of commitment of the proposed mentor(s).