



Linacre College Non-Stipendiary Committee for Children Junior Research Fellowships

Linacre College proposes to make elections to two non-stipendiary Junior Research Fellowships tenable for two years (subject to satisfactory progress) **from Hilary term, 19 January 2025**, in collaboration with the Committee for Children (CfC) non-profit organisation. Junior Research Fellows will receive a research allowance of £300 p.a., enjoy Common Table dining rights in College, full access to social and sports facilities and can apply for travel grants. Candidates should be engaged in or intending to engage in research at post-doctoral level in an academic department of the University of Oxford.

Applicants who do not yet have a higher research degree will normally be expected to have submitted for a doctorate before taking up a Junior Research Fellowship. These Fellowships are non-stipendiary and therefore candidates must demonstrate they have adequate funding and the support of their academic department, including visa sponsorship where necessary, for the duration of the Fellowship. Normally, the successful applicants will not have held a DPhil/PhD for more than five years, but the College will apply discretion when considering applications from those who have taken a career break.

Applications from members of all communities are welcomed. Linacre College aims to provide equality of opportunity regardless of gender, ethnicity, colour, disability, religion, family responsibility, age, occupation, marital status, sexual orientation or trade union affiliation.

Aims and Themes

The aim of the Junior Research Fellowships is to kick-start an interdisciplinary community of learners who are interested in investigating and **understanding the potential impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on human learning and/or well-being**. This may include any or a combination of the following:

- Mental health
- Education
- Social and emotional learning
- Policy and ethics
- Design

Please note that the list is not exhaustive, and candidates with research related to any of the broadly understood themes above are welcome to apply.

We expect to select the Fellows from a diverse pool of research areas, likely spanning schools of Social Policy & Development, Computer Science, Psychology, Education, Business, and Ethics/Philosophy. The Junior Research Fellowships should allow the fellows to further amplify and build on each other's work, as well as seed a wider network of like-minded researchers across the University of Oxford.

Expectations

In alignment with the aims of building an interdisciplinary network, the fellows would be expected to:

- Host regular public seminars highlighting their own work, as well as providing space for invited external guests whose work is of interest to the group (with potential for additional CfC funding for external talks as necessary). It is expected that the fellows will organise at least two such seminars each year;

- Take advantage of the opportunity to work with the CfC team to publish op-ed articles or similar on a topic of interest for lay audiences;
- Share a short update on their work and publications with CfC twice a year.

About CfC

Committee for Children is a United States based not-for-profit organisation that champions the cause of educating the whole child through research-based SEL programs, public service programs and advocacy. Established in 1979 by researchers of cultural anthropology at University of Washington, the committee developed first-of-their-kind child-abuse prevention and social-emotional learning curricula. Today, these programs—along with additional programs and services—reach 27 million children worldwide.

How to apply

Please apply by downloading and completing [this application form](#) and emailing it to academic.office@linacre.ox.ac.uk with the following information:

- Covering letter outlining how you would contribute to the academic and social life of the College;
- Brief curriculum vitae (no more than two A4 pages);
- Research statement reflecting how the applicant's work reflects the themes outlined above, no longer than two sides of A4 and word processed in font size of at least 11pt.

Please send your application by email before noon on Monday 16th September 2024. We anticipate that interviews will take place on Wednesday 2nd October 2024.