

ROY FOSTER IRISH GOVERNMENT SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP IN THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF IRELAND

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Further particulars

The Roy Foster Irish Government Senior Scholarship has been made possible by generous benefactions from the Irish Soldiers and Sailors Land Trust of the Irish Government, the Bryan Guinness Charitable Trust, and the Normanby Foundation. It has been established to support an award for one year's postgraduate/postdoctoral work at Oxford in the history and culture of Ireland. The Scholarship is open to candidates who have either recently obtained a postgraduate degree in an appropriate subject, or are in the final stages of work for such a degree.

The Scholar's stipend will be £14,000 (from which the Scholar will pay to Hertford College fees for accommodation in College property of approximately between £5,700 and £6,000, depending on whether the Scholar stays in residence through Summer 2020). In addition, limited teaching may be available, paid at the appropriate rate, though this cannot be guaranteed. They will be a Member of the MCR, and will have priority in the MCR housing ballot. The Scholar will be entitled to two free dinners a week on high table during term-time, and will also have extra dining rights as an Associate Member of the Senior Common Room, to which they are automatically elected. They may dine on any night in term-time or vacation at their own expense in addition to the twice-a-week free dining rights in term-time. The Scholar may dine on as many Guest Nights as wished, but only one of these per term may be the free night.

Hertford College, situated in the heart of Oxford directly opposite the Bodleian, is a varied and intellectually prestigious community with a friendly atmosphere and a tradition of informality and innovation. Though a relatively small college, it has a large and lively graduate population. It is also notable for a tradition of Irish studies. The Foster Chair of Irish History (the only endowed chair of Irish History in Britain) is attached to Hertford, and currently held by Professor Ian McBride. Dr David Dwan has written extensively on Irish literature and intellectual history. Elsewhere in the University Irish specialists include Senia Paseta, Marc Mulholland, John Kelly and Bernard O'Donaghue.

The Scholar will be expected to take part in the well established and popular postgraduate Irish History seminar series run by Professor Ian McBride at Hertford, which attracts participants from far afield; there is also a seminar in medieval Irish History organised by Professor Richard Sharpe. The Scholarship is intended to provide a year in an agreeable and intellectually stimulating environment for a scholar in the early stages of postdoctoral work, for example developing a thesis for publication or preparing a new research project. Every candidate should submit with their application a programme of the work in Irish history or culture which they propose to undertake; and every Scholar shall be required, while they continue to hold the Scholarship, to produce from time to time evidence that they are carrying out their programme of work.

Candidates should send a *curriculum vitae*, including a programme of intended work, to recruitments@history.ox.ac.uk by 20 May 2019. They should also ask two referees to send references by the **same date and by email only**. Those called for interview will be asked to send specimen chapters of work. The successful candidate will be expected to take up residence from 1 October 2019 or soon thereafter.