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# The Liberation Collection Visiting Scholar Programme 2024 Call Guidelines

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## Overview

Cambridge University Library is delighted to announce the launch of the **Liberation Collection Visiting Scholar Programme**. Generously supported by the Penchant Foundation, this new initiative will enable a Visiting Scholar to spend between **two and four months undertaking research focused on the The Chadwyck-Healey Liberation Collection 1944-1946 held at Cambridge University Library**.

This programme is a collaboration between the University Library Research Institute and Clare Hall, a graduate college located at the heart of the University of Cambridge, renowned for its informal approach to college life and its international diversity. **The maximum value of the scholarship is £6000 for UK-based applicants and £7000 for international applicants. The deadline for applications is Monday 22 January 2024, 10:00 AM (GMT).**

## The Liberation Collection

Donated to Cambridge University Library by Sir Charles Chadwyck-Healey, the [Liberation Collection](#) comprises over 3200 books and pamphlets in French on the subjects of the Second World War, the Occupation and the Liberation, published between August 1944 and December 1946. Encompassing a wide range of material, including novels, poetry, illustrated books, photographic albums, literature for children, testimonies from the camps, military works and political publications, it provides a deep insight into how the French used the medium of the book to express their experience of the Second World War.

The collection has already been the subject of considerable research enquiry, including the former [Liberation Lecture series](#) (2017-2022), an [exhibition](#) at Cambridge University Library, and an ongoing [Collaborative Doctoral Award](#). The Visiting Scholar Programme is a unique opportunity to build on this research. Possible themes include (but are not limited to): Résistance movements, war propaganda, "littérature engagée", trauma and memory, diplomatic and military history, collaborationist or clandestine publishing, network studies and book history.

## Programme Details

The scholarship is available for between **two and four months**, depending on the nature of the research and the candidate's preference.

It includes a **requirement to be resident in Cambridge for two months, to be undertaken in a single stint**. This is to enable in-depth, in-person engagement with the Liberation Collection. During this period, the Visiting Scholar will be based at Cambridge University Library, where they will have access to the University Library's physical collections and electronic resources. The awardee will also have access to the University of Cambridge's Faculty and Departmental Libraries, and will be supported by [Dr Irène Fabry-Tehranchi](#) (French Specialist, Cambridge University Library), the [University Library Research Institute](#) and via membership of [Clare Hall](#).

The successful applicant will be required to **showcase their findings** via a series of posts for Cambridge University Library's [Languages across borders blog](#) and to give a seminar in person at the conclusion of their research highlighting their findings to the research community. They must also be willing to be featured on the [University Library Research Institute website.](#)

## Timeline

- Monday 22 January 2024, 10:00 AM (GMT): deadline for applications to be submitted
- February 2024: applications are assessed
- March 2024: award is announced
- 1 May 2024 to 30 September 2024: scholar undertakes their project.
- 17 June 2024: earliest date on which the Cambridge residency can start
- 30 September 2024: latest date on which the Cambridge residency can end

## Eligibility

Applications are welcome from **postgraduate students, early career and experienced researchers who are not currently University of Cambridge staff or students**. The minimum requirement for applicants is to have, or be working towards, a master's level degree, or to have equivalent experience. We particularly welcome proposals that are likely to result in new perspectives on the collection, and/or which use innovative methodologies.

## Funding Available

Funding is available to support the costs arising directly from the scholar's research. The maximum amount that can be applied for is **£6000 for UK-based applicants and £7000 for international applicants**. Costs must be itemised (see application process).

## Eligible Costs

### 1. Research expenses

- **Return travel to Cambridge** (economy class) to complete a two-month residency, and for one additional trip to Cambridge post-residency, up to a maximum of £500 (UK applicants) or £1400 (international applicants).
- **Visa costs (international applicants only):** you can apply for the cost of a standard visa (£100) if required. Details of visa requirements are available [here](#).
- **Travel and health insurance (international applicants only):** you can apply for up to £100 to cover the costs of travel and health insurance.
- **Accommodation costs for the Cambridge residency** (see below).
- **Subsistence costs for the Cambridge residency**: up to £100 per week may be claimed to help with the cost of food and local travel whilst in Cambridge. Please note that some meals will be provided by Clare Hall (see below).
- **Additional research expenses up to a maximum of £700**. Examples include:
    - Travel to other libraries
    - Accommodation and subsistence costs outside Cambridge (up to £120 per night for accommodation and £35 per day for subsistence)
    - Reproduction fees
    - Open Access fees

### 2. Accommodation and subsistence

- Subject to availability, the [University Library Research Institute](#) will book accommodation for the Visiting Scholar at Clare Hall. Accommodation options at Clare Hall are outlined [here](#). Accommodation will be offered at the Clare Hall member rate.
- The standard option we expect to provide is a student room or studio apartment. Scholars may request a different option if required (for example to accommodate

family). However, please note that accommodation for a family is likely to exceed the available funding. In this scenario, additional funding may be available. This will be assessed on a case-by-case basis once an award is made. Please contact the University Library Research Institute at researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk if you would like to discuss the accommodation options further.

- If the requested accommodation is unavailable at Clare Hall, the University Library Research Institute will provide guidance on alternative options in Cambridge.
- Accommodation costs will be paid on the scholar's behalf by Cambridge University Library.
- The scholar will also benefit from access to the Dining Hall at Clare Hall. Clare Hall may grant the scholar an allowance for meals, depending on career stage. Further details will be provided once an award is made.

### 3. Costs covered by Cambridge University Library

The following costs will be covered by Cambridge University Library, and do not need to be included in your application:

- College fees for Clare Hall
- College dining in hall (allowance to be confirmed after an award is made)
- Council Tax, if applicable, for accommodation

### 4. Ineligible costs

- Accommodation and subsistence costs for the scholar's ordinary place of residence
- Salary costs
- Research assistant costs
- Overheads
- Equipment, software and office supplies
- Purchase of books or other materials (other than reproductions to support the project)
- Web hosting
- Consultancy and other forms of sub-contracting (other than reproduction fees)

## Application Process

Applications are welcome from postgraduate-level students, early career (including postdoctoral) researchers, and experienced researchers. Applications must be made in English, with the exception of letters of support and references, which can be in English or French.

**Applications from postgraduate students and early career researchers** should comprise a CV, research proposal and itemised budget, combined into a single PDF and submitted via email to researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk.
- A letter of support (from an individual who is familiar with your academic profile) should also be submitted as part of your application or emailed directly to researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk, by the author by the application deadline.

**Applications from experienced researchers** should comprise a CV, publications list, personal statement, research proposal, itemised budget and details of three referees, combined into a single PDF and submitted via email to researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk.
- The references themselves can also be submitted as part of your application or emailed directly to researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk by the referees by the application deadline.


# Application Documentation

If you are a postgraduate student or early career applicant, please prepare the documentation described under option one.

If you are a more experienced applicant, please prepare the documentation described under option two.

If you are unsure which option to follow, please email researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk.

### Option 1: Early Career Researchers (including Postgraduate Students and Postdoctoral Researchers)

Applications should comprise a CV, research proposal and itemised budget, combined into a single PDF and submitted via email to researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk. A letter of support (from an individual who is familiar with your academic profile) should also be submitted as part of your application or emailed directly to researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk by the author by the application deadline.

**Specific requirements**

- **Contact details**: full name, address, contact telephone number and email address.
- **CV:** please provide a CV (curriculum vitae)
- **Research Proposal:** describe in two pages your motivation for applying to the programme and the nature of your proposed research in Cambridge. This should include: Project Title, Proposed Project Dates, Project Background, Research Questions, Methodology (how you will work with the Liberation Collection) and Expected Outcomes.
- **Itemised Budget Table:** use the template here to outline the costs you wish to apply for. Itemise your costs under the following headings (omitting any that are not relevant): return travel to Cambridge; visa; travel and health insurance; accommodation for Cambridge residency; subsistence for Cambridge residency; research expenses.
- **Letter of Support:** please provide one letter of support from an individual that is familiar with your academic profile. This could be a supervisor or academic tutor. The letter can be in French or English. The letter should be submitted as part of your application or emailed directly to researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk by the author by the application deadline.

### Option 2: Experienced Researchers

Applications should comprise a CV, publications list, personal statement, research proposal, itemised budget and details of three referees, combined into a single PDF and submitted via email to researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk. References themselves should be submitted as part of your application or emailed directly to researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk by the referees before the application deadline.

### Specific requirements:

- **Contact details**: full name, address, contact telephone number and email address.
- **CV:** please provide a full CV (curriculum vitae)
- **Publications List:** a separate list of your publications
- **Personal Statement:** in not more than one page, please describe your research career to date; longer-term plans; a description of your research suitable for a lay audience; and your motivation for wishing to join the Cambridge community as a Visiting Scholar.
- **Research Proposal:** describe in two pages the nature of your proposed research in Cambridge. This should include: Project Title, Proposed Project Dates, Project Background, Research Questions, Methodology, Expected Outcomes and Bibliographical References, and be accessible to an academic audience from outside the field.
- **Itemised Budget Table:** use the template here to outline the costs you wish to apply for. Itemise your costs under the following headings (omitting any that are not relevant): return travel to Cambridge; visa; travel and health insurance; accommodation for Cambridge residency; subsistence for Cambridge residency; research expenses.
- **References:** provide three references. At least one should be from outside your current institution. References can be submitted in English or French via email to researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk. References should be submitted as part of your application or emailed directly to researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk by the referees by the application deadline.

## Selection Process

Applications will be assessed by a panel comprising Dr Irène Fabry-Tehranchi (French Specialist, Cambridge University Library), Dr Oliver Coates (Director of Studies in History and Politics, St Edmund's College Cambridge), Professor Charles Forsdick (Drapers Professor of French, Modern and Medieval Languages and Linguistics, University of Cambridge), and Dr Amelie Roper (Head of Research, Cambridge University Library). The panel will assess the written documentation against the following criteria:

i. Relevance of the proposed topic to the Liberation Collection
ii. Research excellence and novelty
iii. Suitability of research methodologies
iv. Feasibility (time and budget)

The panel will produce a ranked list for the Fellowship Committee, Senior Tutor and Governing Body of Clare Hall, who will then approve a candidate for membership of the college based on the panel's recommendation, and at a level appropriate to their career stage. Candidates will be notified of the outcome of their application by the University Library Research Institute in March 2024.

## **Terms and Conditions**

The scholar will be required to agree to the following terms and conditions by signing an agreement with Cambridge University Library prior to starting their project.

1. This is a personal award, intended to be undertaken by the scholar independently. It cannot be transferred or shared with another individual.
2. The scholarship must be **between two and four months in length**, to be undertaken between **1 May 2024 and 30 September 2024**.
3. The scholar must be **resident in Cambridge for two months**, to be undertaken in a single stint.
4. The residency must **start no sooner than Monday 17 June 2024** and **finish no later than Friday 30 September 2024.**
5. The non-residential component of the scholarship can be undertaken remotely, but the **scholar must return to Cambridge at the end of their studies to deliver a seminar in person**.
6. Agreed Cambridge **accommodation costs will be paid on the scholar's behalf** by Cambridge University Library but should still be included in the application budget table.
7. Other than in exceptional circumstances, **funding will not normally be made available in advance**. If this will cause you difficulties, please contact researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk.
8. **All other expenses must be itemised and claimed by the scholar retrospectively against receipts**.
9. **Expenses must fall into one of the following categories**: return travel to Cambridge; visa costs (international applicants only); travel and health insurance costs (international applicants only); accommodation; subsistence; additional research expenses.
10. The successful applicant will be required to **showcase their findings** via a series of posts for Cambridge University Library's Languages across borders blog and to give a seminar in person at the conclusion of their research highlighting their findings to the research community.
11. Research outputs (blog posts and seminar) must be **completed by 30 September 2024**.
12. The scholar must also be willing to be **featured on the** University Library Research Institute website.

## Further Information

If you have any questions about this programme, please contact the University Library Research Institute at researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk.