

College Affiliation for Cambridge Postdocs: Information on Current Schemes

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	Position Title(s)	Charge for Membership?	Dining rights	College Teaching offered?	MCR or SCR?	Use of college facilities (eg. sports, libraries); workshops/seminars etc
Churchill College	Several categories of membership available to Postdocs: Senior Research Fellowship, Teaching By-Fellowship; Associate Membership of the SCR	Associate Membership of the SCR costs £50 per quarter (ie. £200 per year).	Yes. Associate Members can dine at High Table six nights a week in term-time, five nights a week in vacation (with few exceptions). High Table meals are charged at the Fellows' rate. Postdocs may also eat in College at lunchtime or in the evening on account.	Yes	SCR	Yes
Clare College	College Research Associate	No	Yes. Research Associates may dine for free at High Table eight times during Full Term.	Yes. Post is designed for postdocs who can supervise for Clare	SCR	Yes
Clare Hall	Post-Doctoral Associateship	Yes: £500 per year	Yes: 1 free meal per week, 2 free Feasts per year. Other meals charged at cost	No	Not specified	Yes
Corpus Christi College	Research Associate	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Yes
Downing College	Several categories of membership available to postdocs. MRC affiliation; Bye-Fellowships; College Membership for postdocs who supervise for Downing	No	Yes	Yes	Depends on membership type	Yes
Emmanuel College	Postdoc Affiliate of the MCR	£50 (waived if postdoc also supervises for the College)	Yes – same as for graduate students at the College (ie. all meals charged at cost)	Yes	MCR	Yes

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Fitzwilliam College	Associate Membership	Yes (details not available at time of writing)	Yes. Associate Members may dine in the Buttery (cafeteria) and can attend formal dinners through membership of the MCR	Not specified	MCR	Yes
Girton College	Research Associate (RA)	No (except for optional use of Squash Courts, charged at £20 per term)	Yes. Free dining on Thursdays (Graduate Night); 1 extra free dinner per term on Tuesday nights. Other meals (High Table or cafeteria) charged at cost. Members may bring guests (charged at guest prices).	Not specified	Not specified	Yes
Hughes Hall	Senior Member; Senior Associate	No	Yes. Senior Members receive certain dining rights (ie. certain amount of free meals). Senior Associates may also dine in college but meals are charged at cost.	Not specified	Senior Members and Senior Associates are neither Fellows nor students. However, Senior Members receive privileges more similar to Fellows.	Yes
Jesus College	College Research Associate (CRA)	No	Yes. CRAs may dine for free at High Table, one evening per week. CRAs may also dine at High Table any other night of the week, charged at Fellows' rates. Meals may also be taken in the cafeteria, charged at cost.	Yes	MCR	Yes
King's College	Post-Doctoral Research Associate; Post-Doctoral Teaching Associate	Not specified	Not specified	Yes	Not specified	

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Lucy Cavendish College	Ethel Cruickshank Research Fellowship; Greenwood Bidder Research Fellowship; other postdoctoral membership (exact position title not available at time of writing)	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Membership of Combination Room	Yes
Magdalen College	Senior Research Fellow; Clutton-Brock Fellowship; Sackler Fellowship	Not specified	Yes (details not available at time of writing)	Yes	SCR	Yes
Pembroke College	Academic Associate	Not specified	Yes: 1 free lunch or dinner per week	Yes. Post is designed for postdocs who can supervise for Pembroke	SCR. Pembroke Graduate Parlour is also considering their own affiliated membership scheme	Yes
St Catharine's College	College is actively considering a scheme for postdoc affiliation (further details not available at time of writing)	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
St Edmund's College	Associate Membership	Not specified	Yes (details not available at time of writing)	Not specified	Not specified	Yes
Trinity Hall	College is actively considering a scheme for postdoc affiliation (further details not available at time of writing)	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified

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Wolfson College	Senior Member	£5.00 per term (yes, five)	Yes. All meals charged at cost. Members may bring guests (charged at cost).	Not specified	SCR	Yes, except for Lee Library Computer Room (however, there is an additional computer facility open to postdocs)
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Additional Information:

- 1.** Please note that this list does not represent all Cambridge Colleges. PdOC sent a letter to all Colleges requesting information on individual College policies for postdoc affiliation for the 2004-2005 academic year. This list is compiled from the responses we received as at 21 July 2005.
- 2.** At the time of writing, several Colleges were actively considering ways to increase opportunities for postdoc affiliation, but were unable to provide details of their proposed schemes. Therefore, if you are interested in pursuing opportunities for College affiliation, it is worth following up every possibility as additional schemes may become available in the near future.
- 3.** This list does NOT as a rule include Research Fellowships and Junior Research Fellowships (or JRFs), which are also offered by every College. Adding Research Fellowships and Junior Research Fellowships into the equation builds a richer picture of the Cambridge Colleges' overall support for postdocs. Detailed information on these schemes is available elsewhere – see below. Postdocs are generally eligible to apply for these schemes, although age restrictions sometimes apply. Research Fellowships and Junior Research Fellowships are generally advertised on an annual basis, via open competition. Admission to these Fellowships carries prestige, but the process is intensely competitive: it is not uncommon for Colleges to receive 300 or 400 applications for each available post. Fellowships that are advertised as “Non-Stipendiary” (ie. they carry no salary or stipend) are often best-suited to postdocs, particularly those who have independent funding for their research. Information on Research Fellowships and Junior Research Fellowships may be found in the *Cambridge Reporter*, on individual College websites, and occasionally in the wider press including the *Times* Higher Educational Supplement, the *Guardian* Education Section, and the Jobs.ac.uk website.