

## **The Scott Opler Fellowship in Architectural History Worcester College Oxford**

Worcester College, Oxford is pleased to be able to offer a two year residential Fellowship in the study of Renaissance or Baroque architectural history through the generosity of the Scott Opler Foundation. The Research Fellowship supports younger scholars for an extended period of advanced research after the completion of their doctoral thesis. This unique opportunity will allow a scholar to pursue a research programme in the intellectual community of Oxford at an important point in their career.

Worcester College is the result of a refoundation in 1714 by Sir Thomas Cookes of the Benedictine Gloucester College which was founded on the same site in 1283. The extensive wooded grounds, which include a lake and a mixture of architectural styles in the main quadrangle, make this one of the most beautiful of the 38 Colleges, which comprises the federal University of Oxford. The Governing Body comprises the Provost and 48 Fellows; in addition there are 24 Research Fellows, who are not members of the Governing Body. There are 441 undergraduates, including visiting students (209 men and 232 women), in College and 191 graduate students, (104 men and 87 women).

The Clarke Collection at Worcester College includes extensive holdings of architectural prints, drawings and books. Dr George Clarke (1661-1736) forged one of the most important architectural collections of his time, including the important library and drawings of Inigo Jones and drawings by Nicholas Hawksmoor of the new buildings at Worcester College and throughout Oxford. Clarke's extensive print collection records the changing view of Italy, France and England, with a focus on the urban setting of Rome, and his important library of architectural treatises remains intact in the library designed by Hawksmoor to house the collection. More recently, the College has benefited from the gift by the late Cyril Eland of a major modern collection of architectural books, and a substantial fund to support further purchases.

Worcester College and Oxford offer unique scholarly resources for the study of Renaissance and Baroque architectural history. The Scott Opler Fellow will have access to the rich holdings in architectural history of the University and Colleges including the collections of the Ashmolean, Bodleian, and Taylorian Libraries. Further resources are easily accessible in London and Cambridge.

Applications are invited from scholars of any nationality and academic affiliation in the final year of their dissertation or within the first four years after the completion of their Ph.D., D. Phil or comparable degree.

Topics may include any area or aspect of European architectural history during the Renaissance and Baroque era including urbanism, landscape and garden history, drawings and design method, theory and publication, architectural representation, as well as inter-disciplinary studies of architecture and related subjects.

The Fellow will receive a stipend of £26,537 per annum (revised annually) and will have access to funds for travel, research and publication; as a member of the Senior Common Room he or she is entitled to free lunches or dinners, whenever the kitchens are open, and to accommodation to a value from £11,280 per annum [although the Fellow will be responsible for Council Tax and the cost of services e.g. gas, electricity, telephone].

Fellows are required to be based in Oxford throughout the academic year, although it is expected that they may need to travel for research purposes.

The Fellowship is named in honour of Scott Opler (1956-1993) whose wide ranging interests and own field of research included the art and architectural history of Renaissance Italy. Scott Opler attended Princeton University (AB 1978), Williams College (MA 1987), and was a Ph.D. candidate in Art History at Harvard University in the field of Italian Renaissance architecture. Shortly before his death of AIDS-related illness he created the Scott Opler Foundation Inc., to continue his charitable interests. The Foundation supports the charitable and educational activities in three areas: the scholarly study

and preservation of art and architecture, the conservation of nature, and the support and provision of Aids-related services and education.

The Scott Opler Research Fellowship will be awarded without discrimination based on race, colour, national origin, sex, religion, disability, political belief, or sexual orientation.

Applications must be received by **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016** and should include a statement of the proposed research programme and a current curriculum vitae. Applicants must also arrange for two confidential letters of recommendation to be sent direct to the College by the same date. Interviews for a final group of candidates will be scheduled in June. Applications and references may be sent by e-mail as PDF documents.

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Applications must include:

- a completed application form: available at [www.worc.ox.ac.uk/jobs](http://www.worc.ox.ac.uk/jobs) or from the Provost's PA
- a CV showing your career to date, including details of publications, academic interests and any other details relevant to this application
- a brief outline of your proposed research [between 2-3 pages]

\*References:

- applicants must arrange for two confidential letters of recommendation to be sent direct to the Provost's PA by the closing date (pdf via email is fine). Please note: the College will not chase missing references or issue reminders.
- referees should **not** be members of the selection panel; applicants should check this point with their referees before completing the application form.