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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 39 Colleges, which comprises the federal University of Oxford. The Governing Body comprises the Provost and 50 Fellows; in addition there are 24 Research Fellows, who are not members of the Governing Body. There are 430 undergraduates, including visiting students (209 men and 221 women), in College and 229 graduate students, (128 men and 101 women). The College supports a thriving community of Research Fellows, Honorary and Emeritus Fellows. The recent appointment of two Heads of Research (in Humanities and Science) is part of a wider commitment to fostering a lively and supportive research environment, and the provision of support and mentoring to early career researchers. The College supports a range of research activities including seminars, workshops, public lectures, round-table discussions, and interdisciplinary approaches to research and publication that address a public audience.

The Library is one of Worcester College's finest assets. The modern reading rooms contain 65,000 volumes, while the magnificent Old Library houses collections of European importance. In particular, 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.

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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 Opler Research Fellow will receive a stipend of £33,232 per annum and will have access to certain travel, research and publication funds (max £3000 p/a). The Fellowship carries an entitlement to College accommodation (although the Fellow will be responsible for Council Tax and the cost of services e.g. gas, electricity, telephone). As a member of the Senior Common Room, the Fellow is entitled to free lunches and dinners at the Common Table in term and vacation (when the college's kitchens are open.)

The Fellowship is named in honor 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 **noon on Wednesday 4th June 2025** and should include an official Application Form, 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. Applications and references should be sent by e-mail as MS Word or PDF documents, addressed to academic.recruitment@worc.ox.ac.uk. Please also complete the Equality Monitoring Questionnaire following the link attached - <https://forms.office.com/e/AhFaJsBYFU>

Informal queries about the appointment may be sent to the Senior Tutor, Dr Helen Parish (senior.tutor@worc.ox.ac.uk) or to Dr Emanuela Vai, co-Head of Research (emanuela.vai@worc.ox.ac.uk)

Applications must include:

- a completed application form
- 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 College: academic.recruitment@worc.ox.ac.uk 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.

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Application for the Scott Opler Junior Research Fellowship in Architectural History

FULL NAME (surname first)	Title:		
ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Telephone: Fax No. (where applicable) Email:		
PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different from above)	Telephone:		
DATE OF BIRTH		NATIONALITY	
SHORT TITLE OF PROPOSED RESEARCH SUBJECT			
PRESENT POSITION			
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS (for degrees, please give University, class, subject, and date)			
NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF TWO REFEREES [who should be asked to send references by the closing date to academic.recruitment@worc.ox.ac.uk] <u>Please note: The College will not chase missing references or issue reminders</u>			
Date:	Signature		

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