

PDRA Membership Application Form

Postdoctoral Research Associateship Membership Application Form Before completing this form, please read the Short Guide for Postdoctoral Research Associates (PDRA) and sign up for one of the PDRA led college tours or the online information session.

Whilst completing this application, please be prepared to upload a letter from your Department or Faculty confirming the length of your employment and a 2-page CV which includes any publications. The application will also ask you to provide a summary of your current research to a non-specialist audience (~ 200 words) and what you would value about being a member of Trinity Hall (~ 200 words).

Please note there will be no interviews. All decisions will be based on the information you supply.

The deadline to complete this form is Thursday 4 September 2025.

Section 1: Applicant Details

Title

First Name (s)

Surname or family name

Nationality

Date of birth

Departmental name and address

Home address with postcode

Contact telephone number



Contact email

If applicable, please provide your Cambridge email address

Section 2: Experience before your current role

Please tell us about your doctoral degree

☐ Awarding University _____

☐ Department _____

☐ Title of Thesis _____

☐ Date of submission (or expected date)

☐ Date of award (or expected date)

Please list your degree qualifications and include university, department, degree type, date of approval and the class/grade.

Please list your employment since your first degree with the date(s) and in particular all academic appointments and your current status.

Have you been a member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge before? Trinity Hall will accept people who have previous college experience, but we do aim to provide the access to those who have not been experienced College life before and do not have alumni privileges. Please note, you cannot be a member of two Cambridge Colleges at the same time.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please state the College and the duration of your membership

Section 3: Cambridge post-doctoral position

Please provide details of the Cambridge Department or University affiliated organisation where you are employed. If applicable, please include a link to your profile on your department's or organisation's website (if you have one)

Is your work based in Cambridge?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do you normally come to the Cambridge campus on regular work days?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If your employment contract is tied to a grant or funded project, please write the name of the project, funding body, and grant ID here (otherwise, write 'N/A')

If your employment contract is not tied to a specific funded project, please provide evidence that you have a 'research' contract with the University or University-affiliated organisation. Attach a letter from your department confirming the start and end date of your employment. Please do not submit your contract with personal details of your salary etc.

Please confirm your contract start date

Please confirm your contract end date

Do you expect your employment contract will be renewed when it expires?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure
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Please upload a 2-page CV which includes details of any publications

Please provide a summary of your current research, for a non-specialist (~ 200 words). We use this section to assess your ability and willingness to communicate your research with intelligent non-experts outside your field - people such as other postdocs and students within the College. Please remember to explain what you personally are doing in your postdoc role, not just what your research team is looking at. Please avoid copy-and-paste from your academic CV, particularly if it is highly technical.

Section 4: Proposed involvement in Trinity Hall and the PDRA programme

Please select up to five activities, groups or facilities at Trinity Hall you are particularly interested in joining or using as a PDRA (These choices are not binding, and you will be able to access all of these as a PDRA; this question is simply to understand the balance of applicants' interests).

	Activities, groups and facilities
Formal dinners and High Table	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday brunch in the College dining hall	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postgraduate/postdoctoral seminars and lectures	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dinner and seminar swaps with other Colleges	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional development talks and workshops	<input type="checkbox"/>
College Societies (e.g. wine, poetry)	<input type="checkbox"/>
College and student committees	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer work or charitable projects	<input type="checkbox"/>
Informal socialising (e.g. MCR, College bar, punting)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports Clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rowing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music recitals	<input type="checkbox"/>
College Libraries	<input type="checkbox"/>

Chapel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canteen during weekdays and weekends	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coffee Shop	<input type="checkbox"/>
College Bar	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gardens and grounds (Central site, Wychfield)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports grounds (Wychfield)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music rooms	<input type="checkbox"/>
Punts	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please select up to three ways you anticipate contributing to the PDRA community and Trinity Hall life generally (these are not binding):

	Activities
Presenting my research and hearing from other PDRAs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organising talks or seminars	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participating in College committees and societies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arranging social events (e.g. informal dinners, outings, college swaps, movie nights, barbeques, punting)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing study and career advice to the College's students	<input type="checkbox"/>
Informal mentoring of undergraduate or postgraduate students	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assisting College admissions in my research area	<input type="checkbox"/>
Networking and helping other PDRAs build their professional networks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please list):	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please list other ways you anticipate contributing to the PDRA community (these are not binding)

Please tell us briefly why you would value being a member of Trinity Hall as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate, or things you hope to contribute in order to help make the PDRA community a rewarding experience. This might include: - how it could help your research or career - how it will enhance your experience living and working in Cambridge - how it might contribute to your social life, music, sporting or other activities, what else you can contribute to the College or PDRA community from which others could benefit e.g. life experiences, academic expertise, professional skills, cultural perspectives, charitable activities, community work. (~200 words please)

Section 6: Confirmations

Please confirm you understand each of the following general expectations if you are invited to join Trinity Hall as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate

	Yes	No
Please confirm that you have read the Short Guide for Postdoctoral Research Associates.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Membership of the PDRA programme will initially be for one or two years, depending on the terms of your employment contract, and may be renewed by mutual agreement with the College.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To maintain your membership of Trinity Hall, you will need to be employed in a postdoctoral research role within the University of Cambridge or a University-affiliated organisation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your day-to-day place of work will normally be on the University's campus, and you will usually be able to participate in College and PDRA activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If your contract within the University of Cambridge or an affiliated organisation ends, or your normal place of work ceases to be in Cambridge and you become unable to participate in PDRA activities, you will advise the College and resign from the programme.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The College's PDRA programme has two broad goals (a) to provide post-doctoral researchers at the University of Cambridge with access to College life and (b) to create a supportive community of post-doctoral researchers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The College's PDRA community is largely self-organised and the College encourages you to help arrange a few activities during your membership of the PDRA programme for the benefit of the College's postdoctoral community.

Your will not be paid by the College as a member of the PDRA programme.

There will generally be no opportunities for formal teaching within the College, although the MCR may arrange informal mentoring of College students by PDRAs.

There is a fee for membership of the College's PDRA programme. For 2025, this will be £200 with a £100 deposit.

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This is the end of the application form. Please click 'next page' to submit your form.

The information provided by you on this form is to enable us to process your application and may be stored in electronic and hard copy. We do not share your data with any external parties, but information may be shared with Tutorial Office Staff, Postgraduate Tutors and members of the MCR Committee. For more information about how we use your personal information and your rights with regard to this information please see the Student Data Protection Statement on the College website: <https://www.trinhall.cam.ac.uk/about/college-governance/data-protection/>.
