



THE MICHAEL VON CLEMM FELLOWSHIP

Information for Referees

Details of the Fellowship are given below. The Fellowship is intended for applicants of very high academic calibre who have the personal qualities likely to conduce to success in an academic or a non-academic career. Referees are asked to describe the candidate's personal qualities as well as his or her academic record and potential. The Selection Committee would find it extremely helpful if you could rank the applicant against some reference group (e.g. in the top 10% of the students I have taught at X College in school Y over the past Z years). **If you are submitting a reference for more than one applicant it would also be helpful if you could rank against each other.** The competition for the award is likely to be very considerable and referees should not feel obliged to write at length about candidates who, in their view are unlikely to reach the short-list.

References should reach the Academic Registrar, by email (vonclemm@ccc.ox.ac.uk) as a pdf, not later than noon on 26 October 2023. Candidates whose references have not arrived by that date cannot be considered.

The College wishes to thank referees for their time and trouble. It would be impossible to conduct this competition without their help.

Details of the Fellowship

The Fellowship is in memory of Michael von Clemm (1935-1997), who was a graduate of Harvard University and a graduate student (and subsequently Honorary Fellow) of Corpus Christi College. It is open to undergraduates from all academic disciplines at the University of Oxford who will be entering their final year in October 2023 and also to those who have completed their degree in June 2023. It is intended to attract applicants of very high academic calibre who have the personal qualities likely to conduce to success in an academic or a non-academic career. The holder will also be perceived (however informally) as an 'ambassadorial' representative of Oxford at Harvard, and should be content with and capable of that role.

The successful applicant will spend an academic year at the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences as a Special Student following a course of study or research of his or her choice (subject to the availability of tuition or supervision at Harvard); he/she must apply to and be registered at that School and no other. The Fellowship is not intended for those wishing to study vocational subjects, such as Business Administration or Law. An aim of the Fellowship is to allow the recipient to expand their intellect; they are therefore encouraged to pursue at least one course in an area they have not yet studied and to make the most of the academic opportunities on offer at Harvard.

The Fellowship will meet the costs of all tuition at Harvard as well as travel between Boston and the UK and will provide an allowance to cover the costs of living at Harvard. The academic year at Harvard runs from September to June. Funding should be adequate to cover the cost of a ten month's stay in the USA.

It is the responsibility of applicants to ask two academic referees to write directly to the Academic Registrar. Of the two referees, one should be well-qualified to comment on the applicant's academic record and potential. At least one referee should be from the applicant's college.

The selection will be made by a committee appointed by the Governing Body of Corpus Christi College.