

John Gilbert Winant Visiting Professorship of American Government in association with Balliol College

The John Gilbert Winant Visiting Professorship is an exciting opportunity for a highly distinguished researcher working in the field of American government.

Applications are now invited for the academic years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24. The tenure of each professorship is up to one academic year (1 October to 6 July).

History of the Professorship

In 2000 the University received a generous gift from Mr Rivington Winant to establish a visiting professorship in the broad area of American Government. The professorship is named after his father, Mr John G Winant, a distinguished American public servant and former US Ambassador to the Court of St James during the Second World War.

The first holder of the professorship was George Frederickson in 2003-4. Among the other holders have been Joseph Nye, Joel Aberbach, Alan Wolfe, Joe White, Michael Bailey and Lisa Miller. A full list of previous holders is available at <https://www.rai.ox.ac.uk/people/winant>

Duties of the John G Winant Visiting Professor

You will be expected to deliver one major public lecture (the Winant Lecture), preferably during your first term, and to lecture and give instruction in American Government, broadly defined. Teaching will normally take the form of seminars, directed primarily but not necessarily exclusively to graduate students.

The Rothermere American Institute (RAI)

A busy centre for the study of American politics, history, and literature, the RAI is where Oxford's academic conversations about America take place. It hosts numerous seminars and conferences devoted to the cross-disciplinary and comparative study of the US. These events are open to students, academics, and the public. The RAI also houses a major library (the Vere Harmsworth Library) considered to be the finest library of American Politics, History, and Literature in any University outside the US; seminar rooms and facilities; and offices for RAI Fellows. Further information can be found at www.rai.ox.ac.uk.

The RAI's role as a forum for intellectual exchange is of particular importance for the Winant Professor of American Government. Along with the holders of three other established professorships in American History and Politics, you will have the opportunity at the RAI to give lectures and to hold classes and seminars for advanced undergraduate and graduate students, to participate in conferences and workshops, and to play a full part in the Institute's intellectual life.

You will be provided with an office, IT, and administrative support within the RAI.

Balliol College

The John Gilbert Winant Visiting Professorship is associated with a Supernumerary Visiting Fellowship at Balliol College. With the exception of voting rights, this Fellowship carries with it as much involvement in the intellectual and social life of the College as you might wish. You will be encouraged to attend and participate in college meetings (three per term). You will be a full member of the Senior Common Room, which entitles you to take all meals free of charge in College. Balliol is one of the oldest colleges in Oxford (founded in 1263), and is celebrated for its academic prestige. You will receive invitations to the many special lectures and seminars that take place at Balliol.

More information about Balliol College can be found at www.balliol.ox.ac.uk or by writing to the Master, Dame Helen Ghosh (master@balliol.ox.ac.uk).

Stipend

You will be paid a stipend of £40,000 for the academic year (at current rates). Most previous holders' tenure have coincided with a period of sabbatical leave from their home institution. The stipend is therefore intended to supplement rather than replace normal salary, and will be sufficient to cover living costs in Oxford during the period of tenure.

Funds are also available to pay for return air travel and visa fees (if applicable), and to convene a small conference, usually held in the spring (Hilary Term). Funds are not available, however, to cover accommodation costs.

Eligibility

You will be a highly distinguished academic working in the field of American Government (broadly defined).

The University operates an employer justified retirement age (EJRA) for all academic posts, for which the retirement date is 30 September immediately preceding the 69th birthday. The justification for this may be found at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/personnel/end/retirement/acrelretire8+/.

If you will require a visa in order to take up this position in the UK, it will be your responsibility to obtain a visa, although the University will provide advice and assistance as necessary.

How to apply

To express your interest in the John G Winant Professorship, please send the following documents by email to professorships@admin.ox.ac.uk. The closing date is **Monday 20 April 2020**.

- ✓ a curriculum vitae
- ✓ a covering letter indicating:
 - the names of three referees
 - your availability for the three academic years (2021-22 / 2022-23 / 2023-24) and any preferences
 - confirmation that you will be below the EJRA for the proposed period of tenure



Contact details

For an informal discussion about this post, please contact Professor Adam Smith, Director of the Rothermere American Institute, on +44 (0)1865 282731 or adam.smith@rai.ox.ac.uk.

For enquiries about the application process, please contact Sue Morris, secretary to the electoral board, on professorships@admin.ox.ac.uk.