**St John’s College, Cambridge**

**Harper-Wood Creative Writing & Travel Award for English Poetry & Literature**

St John’s College, Cambridge, invites applications for theHarper-Wood Creative Writing & Travel Award for English Poetry and Literature.  The purpose of the Award is to inspire a project of creative writing by making it possible for the holder to engage in relevant, project-related travel and study.

**Please note that the Award is intended primarily for unpublished creative writers who are in the initial stages of their careers.**

Previous holders include Thom Gunn, Michael Hofmann, Giles Foden, Amit Chaudhuri, Gaby Wood, Sarah Howe, Isabella Hammad, Erin Soros and Vahni Capildeo.

At the time of election, the candidate must be a graduate of any university in the UK, Ireland, the Commonwealth or the USA.

All or part of the period of tenure should be spent in a country of the candidate’s choice, **outside the UK (*i.e.*England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland**).  Candidates are asked to provide a detailed outline of their proposed course of study/research and travel plan, as well as making a strong case for its relevance to their creative writing project.

During the period of tenure the Award Holder is expected to engage in a course of study or research, not necessarily attached to a university or other institution, culminating in the production of original fiction, poetry or drama.  If, however, the candidate proposes to study or research at a University or other institution, such an affiliation need not be finalised before applying for the Studentship.

The Award is tenable for one year and is not renewable.  The successful candidate will be admitted to membership of the College and will normally be expected to take up their Award on 1 October 2020.   **They will be invited to visit the College following the end of their tenure, to give one or more talks about their experience.**

Funding will be determined by the College Council in light of the successful candidate’s qualifications and financial circumstances (including payments from other sources), up to a maximum of £15,000.   This sum is intended to cover accommodation and other living expenses during the successful candidate’s tenure.  **Additional financial assistance is also available to enable the successful candidate to meet travel costs incurred.**

The competition opens **on Wednesday 26 February 2020**. Applications should be submitted online at <https://sjcamrf.flexigrant.com> **by** **09:00 BST on Wednesday 6 May 2020.**

**Please note that the College is unable to respond to individual enquiries by phone.**