

Everyone benefits most from a JRF when the junior fellow is fully engaged in college life. In addition to regularly taking meals at college, I would be very interested in advising graduates and possibly teaching; both are roles with which I have experience and which I enjoy very much. As astronomy is a discipline which generates overall public interest and naturally lends itself to direct interaction, I would also propose possible ways of engaging the broader college community: for example, I could host informal talks and discussion about current frontiers in astrophysics – including participation in the citizen science projects in which I am involved – and/or run occasional observing nights, during which I would give some background about and tours of the night sky. Separately from my research, I enjoy attending plays, concerts, and public lectures. And while I am not sure that my sport of choice (fastpitch softball) is available in college, I have recently tried and very much enjoyed cricket and would welcome the chance to play more regularly. I would also be delighted to accept an offer of college accommodation, if it is available, as I feel this is an ideal way for me to make college life a part of my daily life – and vice-versa.