



THE MUSICIANS'
COMPANY

THE JOHN CLEMENTI COLLARD FELLOWSHIP IN MUSIC

Founded in 1931 upon the benefaction of the late John Clementi Collard, Master of the Musicians' Company 1899 to 1900 and 1901

TERMS AND REGULATIONS

This Fellowship, which is one of the Company's most prestigious awards, is open to any musician of British nationality aged between 27 and 50. It is designed to give financial assistance to a professional musician of outstanding ability who is prevented by financial stringency from fully exercising and exploiting his or her talent. The Fellowship carries with it an award of £5,000 for one year and may be extended for a further year at the Company's discretion. Candidates must have shown excellence in one or more of the higher branches of musical activity, i.e. Composition, Performance (which includes conducting) and Research (which includes research into music therapy).

1. Details of the Fellowship will be placed on the Company's website, and application forms will be available to download. Each application must include two references from professional musicians of distinction, containing an assessment of the candidate's ability and suitability for the Fellowship. All applications, references, scores and other supporting papers must be received by the Deputy Clerk by the date stated in Regulation 7. They may be emailed, or shared via WeTransfer, Dropbox or similar file-sharing facility, or sent by post.
2. The applications will be referred to a panel who will select a list of candidates for interview.

3. The panel is not obliged to make an award if it considers that there is no suitable candidate, in which case the Fellowship shall remain vacant during the ensuing year.
4. A candidate awarded the Fellowship shall hold the Fellowship from the 1st January following his/her selection (or such other later date as shall be agreed with the candidate) for the period of one year. The Fellow should submit to the Committee a report on the first year of his/her Fellowship. Upon such application being made, the Committee may at its discretion renew the Fellowship for a further period of one year.
5. Should the Committee decline to renew the Fellowship after the first year, it shall declare the Fellowship to be terminated as from the end of the current year and the Clerk shall notify the Fellow accordingly.
6. Candidates must be of British nationality and be aged between 27 and 50 on the date referred to in Regulation 7.
7. The last date for receipt of all submissions shall be **5th November 2026** at 12.00 noon.
8. Interviews of selected candidates will be held on **3rd December 2026** at the Company offices. Candidates must be available on the selected day and are responsible for the cost of their attendance.
9. Candidates not selected in any one year may be nominated or may apply again in subsequent years, but not more than four times in all.
10. None of these Regulations shall be deemed to create any contractual obligation or legal relationship or liability whatsoever as between the Company and the Fellow.
11. A Fellow not already a member of the Company will be offered the Freedom of the Company.

Applications should be sent to the Deputy Clerk, either by post to the address below or (preferably) by email to assistant@wcom.org.uk .