

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

An institution for the advanced study of Islam and the Muslim world



Fellowship in Islamic Financial Markets

Salary: £46,762 - £57,475

Applications are invited for a Fellowship to conduct research on Islamic Financial Markets. The successful candidate will hold the title of Sultan Nazrin Shah Fellow at the Centre.

The appointment will initially be for a period of two years.

The Fellowship carries a stipend of £46,762 - £57,475 per annum (depending on qualifications and experience).

The successful candidate should ideally hold a doctorate in a relevant subject and have significant research experience. Experience of financial markets, fundraising and partnership building would be desirable.

For further information, please visit the Centre's website www.oxcis.ac.uk/vacancies.

Closing date for applications is **5 May 2025**.

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Job description

The main duties and responsibilities of this role include:

- Manage the relationship between the Securities Commission and the Centre, including organisation of the SC-OCIS roundtable and the SC-OCIS visiting fellowship programme.
- Co-lead a research agenda that contributes to the study of Islamic Financial Markets, as well as the broader agenda on impact investing, sustainability, and economic and social governance.
- Stay abreast of regulatory changes, policies, and initiatives in finance, environmental mitigation, and adaptation.
- Develop links with policymakers, regulatory agencies, and financial institutions (both traditional financial institutions, as well as non-bank financial intermediaries such as FinTech firms).
- Collaborate with individuals and institutions at the University of Oxford and beyond.
- Share responsibility for the design of ongoing and future research and preparing applications for extramural grants for projects.
- Share responsibility for fundraising and partnership development with financial institutions.
- Representing the Centre at external meetings/seminars.
- Assist the Centre by serving on relevant committees.

Selection criteria

- Ideally a doctoral degree in Economics, Finance or related fields with significant research experience
- Experience in the financial sector / regulation (desirable).
- A strong understanding of capital markets and financial regulations.

- Strong writing skills, with experience in preparing policy reports, etc.
- Familiarity with the existing literature and research in the field.
- Sufficient specialist knowledge in the discipline to develop projects and methodologies.
- Ability to independently plan and manage a research project.
- Ability to raise programme and research funds from extramural sources.

Further particulars

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies invites applications for a Fellowship to coordinate and develop the Centre's interest in the study of Islamic Financial Markets. The successful candidate will apply the latest innovations towards advancing *Maqasid al-Shariah*.

The successful candidate will report to the Centre's Director. He will work closely with Professor Muhammad Meki, Fellow in Islamic Finance, and will be required to work with him in both developing the research agenda and exploring research funding opportunities in this area (including the preparation and submission of grant applications where appropriate).

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This is a full time position and the successful candidate is expected to be in full time residence in Oxford.

The Centre also offers the following benefits:

- Membership of the Universities' Superannuation Scheme (USS pension scheme).
- Membership of the Centre's Common Room.
- Lunches during term time.
- Annual salary reviews.
- Office and IT facilities.

Applications should be made in the form of a current CV, a list of publications and a covering letter with the names of two referees. Candidates should request references from their referees, which are signed and dated, and emailed together with the application directly to recruitment@oxcis.ac.uk by the closing date. For further enquiries, please contact Mohammad.meki@oxcis.ac.uk.

Applications must arrive at the Centre by **5 May 2025**.

Further information on the Centre's activities is available from the Centre's website www.oxcis.ac.uk

Background to the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

About the Centre

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies is incorporated by Royal Charter and is registered as a charity (number 293072). The Patron of the Centre is HM King Charles III.

The Centre was founded in 1985 and is committed to the advancement of academic excellence in teaching, research and publication. The Fellowship is drawn from a variety of academic disciplines including anthropology, Asian and Middle Eastern studies, development studies, history, theology and religion, and science and society.

The research profile is similarly diverse, ranging from regionally based study of the intellectual roots of Muslim civilisation and contemporary social movements in the Islamic world to investigations into the theory and practice of Islamic financial management, and relationships between science and Muslim societies.

The Centre has a thriving publications programme, which includes the *Journal of Islamic Studies*, which has been published three times a year by Oxford University Press since 1990. It aims to encourage interaction among academics from diverse traditions of learning to enable the dissemination of their research and reflections. The Centre also facilitates, and actively encourages, the publication of monographs and other works by Centre Fellows.

The Centre's Library provides valuable and unique resources. It houses approximately 49,000 volumes and 360 manuscripts. The library collection is fully searchable on SOLO, the Oxford University's online library catalogue.

Potential applicants can find out more about the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies at www.oxcis.ac.uk.

The Centre buildings

The Centre occupies purpose-built premises on a 3.25 acre site on the Marston Road, Oxford. The complex of buildings combines the academic, social, and residential functions of the Centre, and is a physical symbol of partnership, toleration, and friendship between the Islamic and Western worlds of learning. The Centre's buildings blend architectural features from traditional Oxford and Islamic collegiate architecture. They provide the Centre with accommodation for up to 54 students and Visiting Fellows, a dining hall, a mosque, an auditorium, beautifully landscaped gardens, cloisters and quadrangles, as well as teaching and seminar rooms.

Right to work in the United Kingdom

As required by The Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 applicants will be asked to provide proof of their right to work in the UK before employment can commence. Please note that original documents will be required. Where such documents are not in English, a certified

translation is necessary. Please do not include these documents with your application. A request for the relevant information will be made at a later stage.

Equality and diversity

The Centre is committed to the principle and practice of equality of opportunity. The Centre seeks to ensure that all candidates are treated fairly and that selection is based on individual merit and selection criteria relevant to the post.