

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

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



Research Fellowships

Salary: £32,332 - £38,205 per annum

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies invites applications for up to two Research Fellowships open to post-doctoral candidates in any area of the arts, humanities or social sciences which contribute to a more informed understanding of the Islamic world – its history, economy, politics, culture and contemporary life.

The Fellowships offer an excellent opportunity for working with world-class colleagues in an intellectually stimulating research environment, and draw on the Centre's extensive academic links, both within Oxford and internationally.

The successful candidates will be expected to play a full part in the academic and social life of the Centre and to undertake research and develop academic projects as part of a multi-disciplinary team. They will be full members of the Centre's Common Room.

Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a brief statement of their research project and details of two referees who should write to the Centre directly.

Applications should be sent to: hr.advisor@oxcis.ac.uk by **Thursday 30 November**.

Research Fellowship

1. Overview

The Centre is seeking to appoint up to two Research Fellows. The Fellows will be engaged in research and publication in any area of the arts, humanities or social sciences which contributes to a more informed understanding of the Islamic world – its history, culture, civilisation and contemporary societies. The Fellowships offer an excellent opportunity to work with world-class colleagues in an intellectually stimulating research environment, and draw on the Centre's extensive academic links both within Oxford and internationally. The Fellowships will be tenable for a period of two academic years.

The Research Fellows will be actively involved in the Centre's academic and social activities, and will be provided with office accommodation and membership of the Common Room. They will be responsible to the Director.

2. Main duties

The Research Fellows will undertake the following duties:

- Undertake and promote high standards of scholarship in research, publication and other academic activities.
- Participate in and promote activities which contribute to the academic and social life of the Centre.

Further information regarding the Centre is available at www.oxcis.ac.uk.

3. Criteria for selection

The Centre is looking for candidate(s) who most fully meet the following criteria:

- PhD in a relevant subject.
- Skills to promote high standards of scholarship in research, publication and other academic activities which contribute to a more informed understanding of the culture and civilisation of Islam and of contemporary Muslim societies.
- Commitment to be a fully participating member of the Centre.
- Proficiency and familiarity with languages relevant to the candidate's research project is desirable.

4. Application and selection process

Your application should contain:

- A letter of application which provides evidence as to how your skills and past experience meet the selection criteria outlined above.
- A detailed curriculum vitae.
- Contact details for two referees.

Please do not send samples of written or published work at this stage. Applications should be sent to: hr.advisor@oxcis.ac.uk by **Thursday 30 November 2023**.

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to interview. Those interviewed may be required to give a twenty-minute presentation on some aspect of their research, aimed at a specialist audience.

5. Terms and conditions

Appointment

Appointments to Research Fellowships at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies are made by the Director. Duties and responsibilities are defined by reference to the objectives of the Centre: to promote high standards of scholarship in teaching, research, publication and other academic activities.

Other terms and conditions of appointment

A competitive salary will be determined by qualifications and experience. As a guide, the range is £32,332 - £38,205 for the Research Fellowships. Fellows will be entitled to office accommodation, IT facilities and certain dining rights.

Fellows will be eligible to join the Universities' Superannuation Scheme (USS pension scheme), annual leave of 35 days per annum including public holidays, full membership of the Common Room and lunches during term time.

Fellowships are tenable for up to two academic years subject to a six-month probationary period. All appointments are subject to the relevant and current provisions of the policies of the Centre.

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 and theology and religion.

The research profile is similarly diverse, ranging from regional 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.

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

The Centre's library provides valuable and unique resources. It now 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 Building

The Centre occupies new, 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 buildings blend large elements and design details common to both Oxford colleges and Islamic architecture. They provide the Centre with accommodation for up to 54 students, Fellows and Visiting Fellows, a dining hall, a mosque, an auditorium, 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.