

## Scholar-in-Residence Award

### 2022 – 2023 Application Guidelines

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies promotes excellence in the study of Islam and Muslim societies. The Centre pursues its aims through teaching, research and publication, and by promoting sustained dialogue and collaboration within the global academic community.

The Scholar-in-Residence programme plays a key role in the exchange of knowledge that lies at the heart of the Centre's mission. Since 1987 the Centre's programmes have brought scholars from more than 50 countries in Asia, Africa, the Americas and Europe to Oxford.

Scholar-in-Residence awards are primarily intended for academics who wish to spend up to a year at the Centre. Applicants should normally have obtained a doctorate or equivalent degree by the time they join the Centre. Well-established academics who wish to spend sabbatical time at the Centre are welcome to apply.

The research to be undertaken during the residency should be in an area relevant to the study of Islam or the Muslim world. Currently, research at the Centre is concentrated within the following broad areas, although Scholar-in-Residence applications are welcome from scholars conducting research in a diverse range of topics:

- Classical Islamic Sciences
- Muslim Societies Past and Present
- Identity and Citizenship: Muslims in Britain and the West
- Economic and Human Development and Islamic Finance
- Public Health, Science & Technology in Muslim Societies

Each Scholar-in-Residence will be provided with an office space, access to the Centre's library, membership of the Common Room including the Centre's dining facilities, and assistance with finding residential accommodation.

Scholars-in-Residence are self-funded and pay a fee of £1,500 per term towards the cost of their stay at the Centre.

The closing date for Scholar-in-Residence award applications tenable during the academic year commencing October 2022 is June 15, 2022.

## Applying for a Scholar-in-Residence Award

A full application consists of:

- (1) An application form completed via the Centre's website at <https://www.oxcis.ac.uk/visiting-fellowships>
- (2) A brief description of proposed research (up to 1000 words)
- (3) A curriculum vitae
- (4) Samples of publications, if available (a maximum of two)
- (5) Letters of recommendation (signed and dated) from two persons familiar with the applicant's work, to be sent directly to the Centre, either to [fellowships@oxcis.ac.uk](mailto:fellowships@oxcis.ac.uk) or by post to: The Academic Office, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Marston Road, Oxford, OX3 0EE, United Kingdom. Their receipt will not be acknowledged.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all application materials including recommendation letters are submitted by the closing date. Complete applications will be acknowledged.

### Selection Process

All eligible applications will be assessed by the Centre's Selection Committee. The criteria for selection of Scholars-in-Residence are:

- evidence of academic excellence including quality of publications
- relevance of the proposed research to the overall aims of the Centre
- relevance of the proposed research to the current academic research priorities of the Centre
- potential to contribute to and benefit from interdisciplinary interaction with other Centre Fellows and/or Visiting Fellows and Scholars-in-Residence

At the shortlisting stage applicants may be contacted to confirm that they remain interested in pursuing their application and have the financial means to take up their award if selected.

All applicants will be contacted with an outcome. The Centre does not routinely provide feedback on applications.

If an offer is made the applicant will receive a letter detailing the exact terms of the award.

### Terms & Conditions of the Scholar-in-Residence Award

Please note the following terms & conditions for taking up a Scholar-in-Residence award:

- All Scholars-in-Residence are expected to reside in Oxford during term time. Award holders are responsible for arranging their own accommodation in Oxford, and the Academic Office will try to assist where possible. The Centre can offer some accommodation options which will be notified in the offer letter.
- Award holders are responsible for obtaining any visa necessary to take up their Scholar-in-Residence award, and for arranging their travel to and from Oxford. The Centre will provide supporting letters for visa applications.

- Scholars-in-Residence are expected to play a full part in the life of the Centre during their stay. This normally includes attending seminars and any public lectures organised by the Centre, delivering at least one seminar, and actively participating in other academic and social activities.
- Scholars-in-Residence are expected to acknowledge the Centre in any research publications originating from their time at the Centre and to share copies of these with the Centre.

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