



Application Guidelines

Visiting Fellowships and Visiting Research Fellowships

2023 – 2024

Round 2

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 Visiting Fellowships Programme plays a key role in the exchange of knowledge that lies at the heart of the Centre's mission. Since 1987, it has brought scholars from more than 50 countries in Asia, Africa, the Americas and Europe to Oxford.

Visiting Fellowships and Visiting Research Fellowships are primarily intended for academics who wish to spend up to a year at the Centre. Applicants should normally be at a post-doctoral or equivalent level by the time they join the Centre. Well-established academics who wish to spend their sabbatical leave at the Centre are welcome to apply.

The research to be undertaken during the tenure of the fellowship 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 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 Visiting Fellow/Visiting Research Fellow will be provided with desk space, access to the Centre's library, membership of the Common Room, meals at the Common Table (when served), and assistance with finding residential accommodation. They will be self-funded and a fee of £1,500 per Term will be charged towards the cost of their stay at the Centre.

The closing date is **31 May 2023**.

Applying for a Visiting Fellowship or Visiting Research Fellowship

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) **Letters of recommendation (signed and dated) from two persons familiar with the applicant's work**, to be sent directly to the Centre, either to visiting.fellowships@oxcis.ac.uk or by post to: The Academic Office, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Marston Road, Oxford, OX3 0EE, United Kingdom. Letters will not be acknowledged.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all application materials 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 Visiting Fellowships and Visiting Research Fellowships 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 Visiting Research Fellows.

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 Visiting Fellowship and Visiting Research Fellowship

Please note the following terms and conditions for taking up a Visiting Fellowship or Visiting Research Fellowship:

- All Visiting Fellows/Visiting Research Fellows are expected to reside in Oxford during Term. Award holders are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. The Home Bursary can provide information about renting residential accommodation in Oxford.
- Award holders are responsible for obtaining visa necessary to take up their fellowships and for arranging their travel to and from Oxford. The Centre will provide a letter supporting visa applications.
- Visiting Fellows/Visiting Research Fellows 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.

- Visiting Fellows/Visiting Research Fellows 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.