



Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

Algeria Visiting Fellowship

2026 – 2027 Application Guidelines

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies promotes excellence in the study of Islam and Muslim societies. The Centre has developed an international network to enable liaison, dialogue and exchange between the Islamic and Western worlds of learning. Protocols of academic cooperation exist between the Centre and many institutions worldwide, facilitating the exchange of scholars and researchers. The Centre's programme of Visiting Fellowships and Scholarships plays a key role in these international activities. Since its inception in 1987 the programme has brought scholars and students from more than 50 countries in Asia, Africa, the Americas and Europe to Oxford.

Current research at the Centre is concentrated within five broad areas, but we welcome fellowship applications from scholars conducting research on 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
- Science, Technology, Environment and Muslim Societies

Applications are tenable at the Centre for the academic year from October 2026 to June 2027.

The Centre generally holds one application round during each academic year:

Application Round

- Applicants will normally be established Algerian academics but scholars at the postdoctoral or equivalent level are also eligible to apply.
- Each Algeria Visiting Fellow will receive a research allowance (£10,000), reimbursement of travel and visa costs, single occupancy accommodation at the Centre, membership of the Common Room, including the Centre's dining facilities, working space, IT and other

Centre facilities, and introductions to libraries and other external facilities to facilitate research.

- Visiting Fellowships are intended as a supplementary award and may be held in conjunction with other research grants, stipends, or sabbatical salaries. Visiting Fellows are expected to devote their time to research and writing and to participate in the Centre's academic activities.

Applying for a Visiting Fellowship

A full application consists of the following documents uploaded to the Centre's website (items 1 to 4 by the applicant and item 5 by the applicant's referees). Please submit documents in English.

- 1) **Completed application form (via the Centre's website at <https://www.oxcis.ac.uk/form/algeria-vf-2026-27>)**
- 2) **A brief description of proposed research (up to 1000 words)**
- 3) **Samples of publications, if available (a maximum of two)**
- 4) **A curriculum vitae**
- 5) **Letters of recommendation (signed and dated) from two persons familiar with the applicant's work should be uploaded by the applicant's referees to: <https://www.oxcis.ac.uk/form/ref-submission-form-algeria-vf>. Applicants should share this URL with their referees.**

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application including recommendation letters are submitted in English by the closing date. Only complete applications will be acknowledged.

Selection Process

A shortlist of up to 10 eligible applications will be prepared in consultation with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Government of Algeria. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the Centre's Visiting Fellowships Selection Committee. Interviews will be held online on dates that will be communicated to the candidates in advance.

The criteria for selection of Algeria Visiting Fellows are:

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

Please note that failure to secure the Algeria Visiting Fellowship does not necessarily reflect on the deemed quality of the application and therefore feedback will not be possible.

One Algeria Visiting Fellowship will be awarded annually.

If an offer is made, the applicant will receive a letter detailing the exact terms of the award, together with the proposed dates of the fellowship.

Terms & Conditions of Visiting Fellowships

Please note the following terms & conditions for taking up the Algeria Visiting Fellowship:

- All Visiting Fellows are expected to reside in Oxford during the tenure of their fellowship except for vacation periods (for dates of Oxford University terms see <https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/facts-and-figures/dates-of-term>).
- The Centre will provide single occupancy ensuite accommodation at no charge to the Algeria Visiting Fellow. Married accommodation is not available.
- Award holders are responsible for obtaining the necessary visa from the British Embassy in Algiers. The Centre will provide supporting letters for visa applications. Visa and travel costs (return Economy fare) will be reimbursed up to £5,000 on producing the relevant receipts.
- Visiting Fellows are expected to play a full part in the life of the Centre during their stay. This normally includes attending seminars, delivering at least one Fellows' Seminar and attending lunches and Common Room activities.
- Visiting 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.

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