



## Visiting Fellowships

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

Two Visiting Fellowships (the Abdul Aziz Al-Mutawa and the Muhammad bin Ladin Visiting Fellowships) are offered to support research in any area of the arts, humanities or social sciences that has relevance to the study of Islam or the Muslim world – including but not limited to anthropology, economics, geography, history, international relations, law, literature, philosophy, politics, religion, and sociology.

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 and Technology in Muslim Societies

Applications close in January 2022 for stipendiary Visiting Fellowships tenable from October 2022 onwards. The Centre also offers non-stipendiary options: please see the website for more information.

Applicants for Visiting Fellowships will normally be established academics, but scholars or writers at the postdoctoral or equivalent level are also eligible to apply. Each Visiting Fellow is provided with a stipend of £5,000, shared office accommodation, and membership of the Common Room.

## Applying for a Visiting 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.** These should be sent directly to the Centre – either by email 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

The Centre's Visiting Fellowships Selection Committee will put all eligible applications through screening, shortlisting and selection stages.

The criteria for selection of Visiting Fellows 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.

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 fellowship if selected.

All applicants will be contacted with an outcome, usually by early March. 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 Visiting Fellowships

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

- All Visiting Fellows 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 Visiting Fellowship, and for arranging their travel to and from Oxford. The Centre will provide supporting letters for visa applications.
- Visiting Fellows are expected to play a full part in the life of the Centre. This normally includes attending seminars and any public lectures that the Centre organises, and actively participating in other academic and social 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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