

## Visiting Research 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 Research Fellowships 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.

Two Visiting Research Fellowships (Imam Bukhari and Imam Tirmizi Visiting Research Fellowships) are open to citizens of countries in Asia or Africa and are intended to encourage interaction among academics from different traditions of learning. Preference will be given to those studying classical Islamic sciences, although other areas in the humanities and social sciences will be considered.

Currently, research at the Centre is concentrated within the following broad areas, although Visiting Research Fellowship 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

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

Applicants should normally be at the postdoctoral or equivalent level. Each Visiting Research Fellow will be provided with a stipend of £4000, shared office accommodation, and membership of the Common Room. The stipends for Visiting Research Fellowships are intended as a supplementary award and may be held in conjunction with other research grants, stipends, or sabbatical salaries. Visiting Research Fellows are expected to devote their time to research and writing and to participate in the Centre's academic activities.

# Applying for a 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) **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

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

The criteria for selection of Visiting Research 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 Research Fellowships

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

- All Visiting Research 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 Research Fellowship, and for arranging their travel to and from Oxford. The Centre will provide supporting letters for visa applications.
- 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 Fellows' seminar, and actively participating in other academic and social activities.
- 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.