

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies



*A Recognized Independent
Centre of the University of Oxford*

Fellowship in Islamic Finance

Applications are invited for a Fellowship from those with university teaching experience and an active research interest in Islamic Finance.

The successful candidate would be entitled to full membership of the Centre which is a Recognised Independent Centre of the University of Oxford and is dedicated to the multi-disciplinary study of the Muslim world. He/she would be expected to undertake teaching duties and research supervision and to coordinate the Centre's initiatives in the field of Islamic Finance, as part of its multi-disciplinary team. The Fellowship is offered in association with the University's Department of International Development (ODID) where the Fellow may hold an Islamic Centre Lecturership. The ODID Lecturership will be coterminous with the OCIS Fellowship and will be subject to review every five years.

The Fellowship is subject to a 1 year probationary period. A competitive salary in the range £39,639 - £53,226 will be determined by qualifications and experience.

Further particulars are available at www.oxcis.ac.uk, or from the Assistant Registrar, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Marston Road, Oxford OX3 0EE, to whom applications, including CV and a list of publications, should be sent no later than **Friday 13 September 2019**.

Applicants should arrange for three referees to write directly to the Assistant Registrar by the same date.

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Further Particulars

1. Overview

The Fellow will be engaged in teaching, research and publication in Islamic Finance and coordinate the Centre's academic activities in the field. The Fellowship is offered in association with the Department of International Development at the University of Oxford (ODID). The ODID Lecturership will be coterminous with the Fellowship and will be reviewed every five years. The Fellow will be entitled to apply for conferment of the title of Associate of Full Professor (as appropriate) under the University's recognition of distinction procedures.

The Fellow will be a full-time employee of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, responsible to its Director. The Fellow will be actively involved in the Centre's academic and social activities and will be provided with office accommodation.

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2. Main Duties

OCIS

The Fellow's principal obligations will be to contribute to the Centre's teaching, research and publishing activities and coordinate the Centre's programme of activities in the field. General academic duties comprise engagement in research and publication to an international standard, and the provision of up to six hours of teaching (including tutorials) per week for the Centre. This may include the provision of courses.

Fellows are expected to undertake a reasonable amount of administration in relation to their role. The Fellowship carries membership of the Centre's Common Room and Centre Fellows are expected to play a full part in its academic and social life.

ODID

The Fellow will be recommended by the Department of International Development for appointment as an Islamic Centre Lecturer. This role carries a teaching obligation equivalent to half that of a full-time Associate Professor in ODID. The exact details of this teaching obligation will be agreed with the Head of Department but will in general consist of some or all of: (i) up to 16 hours of lectures and classes, or equivalent, to graduate students on taught courses; (ii) supervision of four to six graduate students; (iii) co-supervision of up to two doctoral students and (iv) examination and admissions duties for the Department.

3. Criteria for Selection

The Centre is looking for a candidate who most fully meets the following criteria:

- Qualifications (usually taken to be a PhD in Economics, Finance or cognate discipline) and demonstrable ability to teach both undergraduate and graduate students of high calibre, to carry out student assessment, and to contribute to the design and delivery of degree programmes relating to Islamic Finance;
- expertise and research experience in any aspect of Islamic Finance or Economics;
- the potential to initiate, lead and manage research initiatives and programmes, including collaborative, inter-disciplinary and externally funded projects;
- a record of academic research publication of an international standard, commensurate with the Fellow's stage of career;
- the skills and commitment to be a fully participating member of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies and of the Oxford Department of International Development.

4. The Selection Process and How to Apply

Applications for the Fellowship should consist of:

- A letter of application which provides evidence as to how your skills and past experience meet the selection criteria outlined above;
- A detailed curriculum vitae;
- Names of three referees, who you should also ask to write directly to the Assistant Registrar at the Centre.

All of the above should be sent by email for the attention of the Assistant Registrar, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Marston Road, Oxford OX3 0EE (gordon.brown@oxcis.ac.uk)

Applications must be received by **Friday 13 September 2019**.

Samples of written work or transcripts are not required at the application stage. Shortlisted candidates may be asked to send written work prior to the interviews.

The interview panel will include representatives of the Centre and of the Oxford Department of International Development. Those interviewed will be required to give a twenty-minute presentation on some aspect of their research, aimed at a specialist audience. They will also be asked to discuss their teaching experience and to present a brief outline of an optional paper for a Master's course. All reasonable interview expenses will be reimbursed. For a non-British/EU candidate appointment would be subject to a work permit being granted.

5. Background to the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies is incorporated by Royal Charter. It is a Recognised Independent Centre of the University of Oxford and is registered as a charity (number 293072). The Patron of the Centre is HRH the Prince of Wales. The Centre was founded in 1985 and is committed to the advancement of academic excellence in teaching, research and publication. The Fellowship is drawn from a variety of academic backgrounds. Currently Centre Fellows teach in a range of University departments and faculties, including: Anthropology, Development Studies, Oriental Studies, Theology and History. The research profile is similarly diverse, ranging from geographical study of the intellectual roots of Muslim civilization and contemporary social movements in the Islamic world to investigations into the theory and practice of Islamic financial

management.

The Centre has a thriving publications programme, which includes the Journal of Islamic Studies. Published three times a year the Journal aims to encourage interaction among academics from diverse traditions of learning to enable the dissemination of their research and reflections. It is peer-reviewed. The Centre facilitates, and actively encourages, the publication of monographs and other works by Centre Fellows.

The Centre's library has expanded considerably in recent years, providing a valuable and unique resource. It now houses approximately 30,000 volumes. The library is part of OLIS, Oxford University's online union library catalogue.

The Centre occupies purpose-built premises in Marston Road, Oxford. Potential applicants can find out more about the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies at www.oxcis.ac.uk.

Equality and Diversity

The Centre is committed to the principle and practice of equality of opportunity. The Centre seeks to ensure that all candidates are treated fairly and that selection is based on individual merit and selection criteria relevant to the post.

6. Background to the Department of International Development

The Oxford Department of International Development (ODID) is the focus in the University for post-graduate teaching and advanced research on developing countries and emerging economies, and on their relationship with the rest of the world. ODID is located at Queen Elizabeth House in central Oxford and is thus often known as "QEH". The Department is recognised as one of the leading international centres in its field. It was ranked as the top development studies department in the country in the UK government's national assessment of research excellence in both 2008 (Research Assessment Exercise) and 2014 (Research Excellence Framework), with most of its research rated as world-leading and internationally excellent. ODID maintains a world-wide network of scholars and policy researchers in developing countries. The Department has particular strength in the study of Africa, Asia and Latin America. It has close relationships with cognate departments in Oxford, such as Politics and International Relations, Anthropology, Global and Area Studies, Economics and Law.

The Department comprises a core of some 25 academic staff engaged in teaching and research, together with 50 research staff in four research centres - the Refugee Studies Centre, the Young Lives Study, the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative and the Technology and Management Centre for Development. ODID, the Blavatnik School of Government and the Department of Economics also lead, with the LSE, the large International Growth Centre established by DFID. These centres have support from key research partner institutions in developing countries and engage in extensive policy advisory work for governments, international agencies and civil society organisations.

ODID teaches around 260 postgraduate students on doctoral and Masters programmes. Students come with outstanding academic track records from all over the world. Degrees offered at ODID include the DPhil in International Development, a two-year MPhil in Development Studies and four one-year MSc courses on (i) Economics for Development, (ii) Refugee & Forced Migration Studies, (iii) Global Governance & Diplomacy and (iv) Migration Studies. These programmes are research-led and combine rigorous research methods training with applied thesis work which prepares students for both academic and policy careers. The Department is also home to a considerable number of post-doctoral fellows and academic visitors from a wide range of developing countries.

Further information about the Department can be found at: <http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk> ; and on the courses at <http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/study/courses>

7. Terms and Conditions

Appointment:

Appointments to Fellowships at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies are made by the Director acting on behalf of the Trustees. All those appointed to full-time Fellowships are ultimately accountable, through the Director, to the Trustees for the proper conduct and implementation of their duties and responsibilities. These duties and responsibilities are defined by reference to the following objectives of the Centre: to promote high standards of scholarship in teaching, research, publication and other academic activities which contribute to a more informed understanding of the culture and civilization of Islam and of contemporary Muslim societies.

Responsibilities of Fellows at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

Fellows will undertake the following duties:

- participate in and promote activities which contribute to the academic and social life of the Centre.
- provide teaching for the Centre for up to an average of six hours per week in each week of full term. This responsibility may include the preparation and conduct of seminars, workshops, conferences and other events and programmes in support of the Centre's objectives.
- engage in advanced study or research, including securing research funding and the publication of results.
- serve on relevant Committees at the Centre.
- undertake administration relating to the admission of Centre scholars and pastoral responsibilities for existing scholars.

Stipend:

A competitive salary in the range of £39,639 - £53,226 will be determined by qualifications and experience.

Removal and travelling expenses:

Removal and travelling expenses in connection with the move to Oxford of the successful candidate may be paid up to £6,000.

Pension scheme:

The Fellow will have the option of becoming or remaining a member of the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS).

Period of appointment:

Five years renewable.

Other terms and conditions of appointment:

All appointments are subject to the relevant and current provisions of the policies of the Centre