



## Principal Investigator

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies is engaged in the multi-disciplinary study of the Muslim world.

The Centre is seeking to develop a project on Public Health, Science and Technology in the Muslim world which will scope and facilitate the establishment of a sustainable collaborative research network across Muslim countries and is looking for a Principal Investigator for the project

The Principal Investigator will be a senior academic with training and experience in science and technology at the highest levels. He/She will have worked internationally with an understanding of diverse cultures (and especially Muslim societies) and with international agencies and networks. A track record of leadership of international scientific programmes is a requirement for this position.

The successful candidate shall be elected to a Fellowship at the Centre which, subject to a successful first year, will run for five years. The position offers a competitive salary of £70,429.

Further particulars are available at [www.oxcis.ac.uk/vacancies](http://www.oxcis.ac.uk/vacancies), or from the Assistant Registrar (assistant.registrar@oxcis.ac.uk), Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Marston Road Oxford OX3 0EE, to whom applications, including CV and a list of publications, should be sent to arrive no later than **26 February 2021**. Applicants should arrange for three referees to write directly to the Assistant Registrar by the same date.

## Main Duties

1. To develop and lead a new project, based at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, to address key issues on public health, science and technology in the Muslim world which would act as a catalyst to promote improved scientific research connected with these societies. Highly relevant issues include (but are not limited to) health challenges, linkages to energy and environment and their understanding within the social and cultural context.
2. The preparatory phase (of approximately one year) will focus on consultation with thought leaders and key institutions in Muslim countries and elsewhere, including international organisations, scientific societies, and national academies to develop broad participation and support for the main project and secure its intellectual and financial viability through the development of an agreed and detailed delivery plan.
3. The main project, subject to a successful first phase, might then run for approximately five years and focus on a select group of countries, spread across the Muslim world, to involve research appointments and grants, outreach and collaboration and encouragement of the development of sustainable network of research collaboration across the Muslim world.

## The Selection Process and How to Apply

Your application should contain:

- 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 for the attention of the Assistant Registrar, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Marston Road, Oxford OX3 0EE. Applications must be received by 12:00 noon (UK time) on **26 February 2021** (Assistant.registrar@oxcis.ac.uk).

Please do not send samples of written work or transcripts at this stage. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to interview. All reasonable interview expenses will be reimbursed.

## **Terms and Conditions**

### **Appointment:**

This appointment is made by the Director acting on behalf of the Trustees. All those appointed 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.

### **Other terms and conditions of appointment:**

A competitive salary of £70,429 will be offered. The appointee will also be entitled to office accommodation, IT facilities and certain dining rights.

The appointee will be eligible to join the University Superannuation Scheme.

All appointments are subject to the relevant and current provisions of the policies of the Centre. Annual leave of 35 days per annum, including public holidays, full membership of the common room and lunches during term time.

For a non-British candidate the appointment would be subject to meeting UK entry clearance requirements.

## **Background to the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies**

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies is incorporated by Royal Charter. It is a registered 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 17,000 volumes. The library is part of OLIS, Oxford University's online union library catalogue.

Potential applicants can find out more about the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies at [www.oxcis.ac.uk](http://www.oxcis.ac.uk).

## **The Centre Building**

The Centre occupies purpose-built premises in Marston Road, Oxford. This building combines on a single site the academic, social, and residential functions of the Centre, and is a physical symbol of partnership, toleration, and friendship between the Islamic and Western worlds of learning. The Centre's premises, which combine traditional Oxford and Islamic architectural styles, occupy a 3.25 acre site in the Marston Road. They provide the Centre with accommodation for up to 54 students and Visiting Fellows, a dining hall, a mosque, an auditorium, beautifully landscaped gardens and quadrangles, and teaching and seminar rooms.

## **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.