

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies



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Fellowship in the Study of the Islamic World

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, a Recognised Independent Centre of the University of Oxford, is engaged in the multi-disciplinary study of the Muslim world.

The Centre invites applications for a senior research fellowship in the study of the Islamic world. The successful candidate will be engaged in research and publication in any area of the arts, humanities or social sciences which contributes to a more informed understanding of the Islamic world – its history, economics, politics, culture, civilisation and contemporary life.

This fellowship offers excellent opportunities for sustained research, to work with world-class colleagues, and an intellectually stimulating research environment, drawing on the Centre's extensive academic links both within Oxford and internationally. The fellowship is tenable from October 2019.

The successful candidate will be expected to play a full part in the academic and social life of the Centre and will undertake research and develop academic projects as part of a multi-disciplinary team. They will be a full member of the Centre's Common Room. The holder of the Senior Fellowship may also be asked to take on an appropriately senior role in the oversight of the Centre's wider academic programmes and activities.

The Senior Fellowship is initially tenable for a three year renewable period, and may be extended by mutual agreement, offering a competitive salary determined by qualifications and experience in the range of £39,000 to £53,000.

Further particulars are available at www.oxcis.ac.uk/vacancies, or from the Assistant Registrar (gordon.brown@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 **15 April 2019**. Applicants should arrange for three referees to write directly to the Assistant Registrar by the same date.

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1. Overview

The Centre is seeking to appoint a leading scholar who will be engaged in research and publication. The Fellowship offers an excellent environment for research, the opportunity to work with world-class colleagues, and an intellectually stimulating research environment, drawing on the Centre's extensive academic links both within Oxford and internationally. The Fellowship will be tenable from October 2019 or as soon as is practicable thereafter, for a period of three years, renewable.

2. Main Duties

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. The Fellow's principal academic duties comprise engagement in research and publication to an international standard as well as teaching. 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. Fellows are expected to play a full part in its academic and social life.

It is expected that the Fellow will develop the Centre's activities and collaborations, for example by way of research seminars, research projects, and workshops and may be requested to play a role in the wider management of the Centre's academic work.

The closing date for applications is **15 April 2019**. A competitive salary on a scale of £39,000 to £53,000 will be determined by qualifications and experience.

3. Criteria for Selection

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

- proven expertise and research experience in the study of the Islamic world;
- The ability to initiate, lead and manage new research initiatives, including collaborative, inter-disciplinary and externally funded projects;

- commitment to be a fully participating member of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

4. The Selection Process and How to Apply

Your application should contain:

- a) A letter of application which provides evidence as to how your skills and past experience meet the selection criteria outlined above;
- b) A detailed curriculum vitae;
- c) Names of three referees, who you should 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 (gordon.brown@oxcis.ac.uk), Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Marston Road, Oxford OX3 0EE. Applications must be received by **15 April 2019**

Please do not send samples of written work or transcripts at this stage. Shortlisted candidates may be asked to send written work prior to the interviews.

Those interviewed will be required to give a twenty-minute presentation on some aspect of their research, aimed at a specialist audience. All reasonable interview expenses will be reimbursed. For a non-British/EU candidate the appointment would be subject to meeting the UK entry clearance requirements.

5. Terms and Conditions

Appointment:

Appointments to Fellowships at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies are made by the Director. All those appointed to full-time Fellowships are ultimately accountable, through the Director, 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 research, publication and other academic activities which contribute to a more informed understanding of the culture and civilisation of Islam and of contemporary Muslim societies.

Responsibilities of the Fellowship at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

The Fellow will undertake the following duties;

- a) to engage in advanced study and research, including generation of research funding and publication of results.
- b) to serve on relevant Committees in pursuit of the Centre's objectives.
- c) to share in responsibilities relating to the admission of students, selection, and pastoral responsibilities for existing students.
- d) to participate in and promote activities which contribute to the academic and social life of the Centre.

- e) to contribute as appropriate to the Centre's teaching activities.
- f) subject to experience and by mutual agreement the successful candidate might also be invited to hold Centre offices normally rotated amongst the fellowship.

Removal and travelling expenses:

Removal and traveling expenses in connection with the move to Oxford of the successful candidate may be paid up to £4000.

Pension Scheme:

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

Other terms and conditions of appointment:

The appointment will be for an initial period of three years renewable. All appointments are subject to the relevant and current provisions of the policies of the Centre. The appointment will be subject to a one year probationary period. The Centre offers 35 days leave per annum including public holidays, lunches are provided during term time.

6. Background to the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, a Recognised Independent Centre of the University of Oxford incorporated by Royal Charter, is engaged in the multi-disciplinary study of the Muslim world.

Established in 1985, the Centre is committed to advancing our understanding of the Muslim world by means of sound scholarship. The Fellowship is drawn from a variety of academic backgrounds. Currently some Centre Fellows teach in a range of University departments and faculties, including Anthropology, Development Economics, History, Oriental Studies and Theology. The research profile is similarly diverse, ranging from a geographical study of the intellectual roots of Muslim civilization and contemporary social movements in the Islamic world to Islamic heritage and the theory and practise of Islamic financial management.

The Centre has an active 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 and will continue to grow, providing a valuable and unique resource for members of the university. It now houses approximately 17,000 volumes. The library is part of OLIS, Oxford University's online library catalogue.

The Centre is located in new purpose-built premises next to Magdalen College. Potential applicants can find out more about the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies at www.oxcis.ac.uk