



Visiting Research Fellowships 2022-23

APPLICATION PACKAGE

The Centre of African Studies, with the generous assistance of the A.G. Leventis Foundation and the Isaac Newton Trust, is pleased to announce two Visiting Research Fellowships to be held at the University of Cambridge.

Applications are invited for Visiting Research Fellowships to commence between 1 October and 1 December, 2022. The maximum duration of a Fellowship is six months and is non-renewable.

Fellows will have access, by agreement, to the holdings of Faculty and Departmental libraries, to the library of the Centre of African Studies and to the University Library.

Travel, visa, college accommodation, and maintenance costs will be paid by the Centre on behalf of the fellow. The Centre is not able to provide additional sums for the travel and living expenses of anyone accompanying the Fellow to Cambridge. The sum is not subject to tax in the UK.

The aim of the Fellowships is to enable the fellows to focus on a period of research and writing in Cambridge.

Applications are invited from candidates in all the disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. Applicants are expected to have completed a doctoral degree before the Fellowship start date. Preference will be given to candidates with a distinguished research profile commensurate with their academic rank. Early- to mid-career researchers are particularly encouraged to apply. Offers are normally made to applicants who are based in African universities or research institutions. It is expected that applicants would come to Cambridge to work on a project that builds on existing research for which a period of residence in Cambridge is demonstrably appropriate. They should present a clear and feasible plan for preparing one or more pieces of work for publication. The initiation of a new research project will not be ruled out where there is a realistic expectation that it could be substantially advanced by the end of the tenure of the Fellowship.

All candidates are requested to submit a substantial piece of written work as part of their application (either a book chapter or journal article, which must be single authored).

In order to apply for a Fellowship you will need to submit an application to centre@african.cam.ac.uk by **31 March 2022** and to arrange for your references to be submitted **by the same date**. The Centre is not able to consider applications that are not complete.

Below, please find guidance on:

- The information required in your curriculum vitae;
- The project details required;
- Information to pass on to your referees.

Your application must include the following:

- your curriculum vitae including details of publications;
- your project details;
- a photocopy of your PhD certificate (if applicable);
- a photocopy of your passport;
- a substantial single-authored writing sample
- two references to be sent directly by your referees to centre@african.cam.ac.uk

The University follows an equal opportunities policy and does not discriminate according to race, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

All documents must be written in English

GUIDANCE ON THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN YOUR CURRICULUM VITAE

Please ensure that your curriculum vitae contains the following information in addition to the other information you will wish to present:

- your full name and title;
- your date of birth;
- your gender;
- your nationality;
- your correspondence address until September 2022;
- your occupation in the academic year October 2022 - June 2023;
- your email address;
- the titles, dates and places of any Fellowships or awards you have held since completing your PhD (if applicable), or will have held before October 2022;
- the names and email addresses of the people you have asked to be your referees.

You should particularly note that you should ask your referees to write in support of your application. You should ensure that you provide your referees with a copy of your curriculum vitae and project proposal.

GUIDANCE ON THE PROJECT PROPOSAL

Please ensure that your project proposal includes the following:

- a note as to why residence in Cambridge is particularly appropriate for your topic. You might mention relevant library resources or sources or particular academic staff whom you would hope to consult;
- a detailed explanation of the aims and range of work you would hope to complete in the six months in Cambridge. The Centre expects that many applicants will be continuing or completing research they have already begun. If you intend to begin a new area of research, please explain how much of the topic you would be able to cover and how you would complete the work once back at your home institution;
- a plan for preparing publications during your fellowship in Cambridge, for instance the completion of a manuscript, submission of articles, etc.

GUIDANCE TO REFEREES

You have been asked by the applicant to write a confidential reference to the Director of the Centre of African Studies for a Visiting Research Fellowship in 2022-23. The Director wishes to thank you in advance for your assistance, which is crucial in ensuring a successful competition and Fellowship programme. The Director would be particularly grateful if you would include in your reference your advice on the areas given below:

- the quality of the applicant's work to date;
- the applicant's suitability for the proposed area of research;
- the extent to which the project proposal prepared by the applicant would benefit from residence in Cambridge;
- the importance of the proposed research;
- the extent to which the applicant will be able to meet their aims in the period available to them in Cambridge.

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