



Paris-Oxford Partnership (POP) notes for guidance

Aim of the scheme: This scheme supports Visiting Fellowships at Université de Paris for stays of 1-2 months (4-8 weeks) to undertake advanced research in collaboration with colleagues at Université de Paris.

The Paris-Oxford Partnership is motivated by the exceptional strength, range, and quality of Humanities research in the University of Oxford and the Université de Paris in partnership with the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS). It is designed to enhance and support the existence of prior research links, and identify potential for significant interdisciplinary activity.

This Fellowship programme aims to support innovative new paradigms or research questions, the creation of substantial new outputs and research findings; and to foster relationships that may lead to collaborative research grant and award applications (for instance, from the European Research Council).

For this opportunity, proposals are welcome that address topics of strategic interdisciplinary significance. Indicative themes may include but are not limited to borders; humanities and the brain; ecologies, the climate crisis and environmental humanities; government, governance and big data; digital humanities; health, well-being and the medical humanities; decolonisation and post-colonialism; curation and performance.

Oxford researchers are encouraged to consider approaching partners in Paris with whom they already have relationships. During the Fellowship there will be a requirement for the Visiting Fellow to collaborate with researchers at Université de Paris.

Applications should reflect how Visiting Fellows will connect and share their knowledge.

Oxford Visiting Fellow: Applicants from Oxford must be postholders holding a research-based position.

Responsibilities of the outgoing Fellow:

- Oxford academic to seek approval from their respective Head of Administration and Finance (HAF) in advance of submitting an application.

- Collaborate with researcher in Paris to create a detailed outline of the proposed project for the duration of the Fellowship as part of the application process;
- Liaise with the administrative contact/s in Paris to organise the Fellow's stay in advance of their arrival (including answering queries regarding accommodation, visas and travel);
- During the Fellowship, conduct the proposed activities or undertake approved alternatives in collaboration with Paris-based partners;
- Maintain regular contact with the TORCH International Officer to provide up-to-date information about the Fellow's activities in Paris;
- Complete an initial report after the end of the Fellowship and a follow-up report within 6-9 months of the conclusion of the Fellowship.

International Fellows are also warmly encouraged to write a blog post for the TORCH website, about their experiences as part of this scheme or collaborations after the end of the fellowship.

Terms and conditions of stays and events in Paris

Throughout the planning and duration of the Fellowship, academic hosts and International Fellows will be supported by the TORCH International Officer and the administrative contact in Paris.

- Fellows agree to adhere to international travel guidance, including COVID regulations, at both ends of their journey. Up-to-date information on travelling to France is available [here](#). Further information about logistics, including visas, will be available from the administrative contact in Paris.
- All outgoing Oxford Fellows must arrange travel insurance in advance of their journey. More information can be found on [this page](#).
- Fellows are expected to engage with any participatory elements of the Fellowship as listed below.

Oxford researchers will be invited for short stays (4 to 8 weeks) at the Paris Institute for Advanced Study (IAS), successively, for a total of 6 researcher-months. They will benefit from:

- An office in the prestigious 17th Century Hôtel de Lauzun, the headquarters of the Paris IAS, equipped with a computer, an internet connection and access to printers.
- A one-bedroom flat (living room, bedroom, kitchenette, bathroom and toilet) fully furnished and equipped in the Résidence Victor Lyon, located in the Cité Universitaire Internationale de Paris. The Residence Victor Lyon is a semi-hotel residence dedicated to hosting high-level international researchers. It has common areas to foster informal exchanges, including a 100 m² library lounge and a family relaxation area.
- A monthly stipend of €1,000 for the duration of their stay.
- Reimbursement of the cost of travel to and from Paris up to a maximum of €500.

- Assistance with all administrative procedures before and during their stay in Paris (visa applications, assistance with opening a bank account, taking out additional insurance - health, civil liability - etc.),
- The Paris IAS documentation service allowing issuance of a reader's card and access to the main Parisian research libraries (BnF, Sorbonne, Sciences Po, ENS...). For some of these libraries, a delivery service for books at the Institute will be offered.
- Participation in the weekly internal seminars of the IEA de Paris, during which each IAS fellow present their research. Oxford fellows, if they wish, will be given the opportunity to present their research in the context of this seminar and receive feedback from other disciplines.
- Daily access to the Institute's restaurant for lunches, with the possibility to have guests from Université de Paris or other local universities.
- Access to the heritage rooms of the Hôtel de Lauzun for the organisation of conferences, colloquia and workshops, subject to their availability, with scientific support and logistical assistance.
- Access to meeting rooms with logistical support.
- Access to the IEA's virtual meeting rooms for online meetings and conferences.
- Access to all the events organised by IEA Paris and its partners (around 100 scientific events per year).
- The production of a video presenting their project, which will be broadcast on the Paris IAS's and Université de Paris' websites and social networks.
- The support of the IEA's communication department for the dissemination and publicity of the events they may participate in, in conjunction with the communication departments of the University of Paris.

How to apply: Applications must be made via [IRAMS](#). The application includes a case for support form, and will include approval from the relevant HAF.

Deadline for Applications: 12.00 UK time, 18 November 2021

Notification of results: By 17.00 UK time, 6 December 2021

Assessment criteria for applications:

Evaluation will be undertaken by parallel committees of senior academics based at each institution. Assessment of both categories will be based on a commonly agreed set of criteria:

- **Quality and originality of research.**
Applications should clearly explain how the Fellowship will contribute to innovative interdisciplinary collaboration according to the Aims of the Scheme as defined above.
- **Extension of existing research communities through interdisciplinary innovation.**
Applicants are advised to describe the proposed output of any project as well as details of any possible future legacies and opportunities for further collaboration and development.
- **Deliverability and value for money.**

Applications should include detailed and realistic timelines for activity. Any substantial risks to activity/timelines should be considered and mitigations supplied where possible. Applications should note whether any other related internal/external funding exists and give details of the source and proposed use of that funding.

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