

TORCH Global Visiting Professorship 2026-2027

The **TORCH Global Visiting Professorship Scheme** (previously known as the Global South Visiting Professorship Scheme) is a flagship scheme that supports Visiting Professors from the Global South for one academic term in Oxford. All Souls College will generously host the visiting academic, and TORCH will provide additional logistical support.

TORCH created this opportunity in 2015, with the aim to support Visiting Professorships and Fellowships for academics from countries in the global majority (for the purposes of this scheme, this is defined as the member states of the [G77 group](#)). This includes, but is not limited to, India, Pakistan, Brazil, Malaysia, Philippines, Mauritius, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, and across Southern Africa and the Caribbean.

The TORCH Global Visiting Professors are crucial in the work of providing role models and on diversity and inclusivity in the wider University. The scheme builds on and reinforces existing links between Oxford (including TORCH) and Universities in the countries named above.

The successful scholar will be hosted in Oxford during Michaelmas Term, 2026. They are invited to conduct their research and to contribute, where possible, to the teaching environment through open and public events. They will also be encouraged to participate in the academic life of All Souls College and the wider university. The scheme brings mutual benefit to the Oxford community of researchers and students and to the Visiting Professor through the fruitful exchange of knowledge and experiences.

As part of the package of support, the Visiting Professor will receive accommodation and senior common room membership through the support provided by All Souls College, and a generous allowance to cover travel, maintenance and research expenses. TORCH also provides access to university libraries and the Visiting Professor will have a university card for 1 year, so that they can continue their research and connection to Oxford beyond their stay. There will also be some funding available to facilitate events, workshops and activities while in Oxford, connecting with different audiences.

Application Process

- For expressions of interest from either prospective Oxford hosts or prospective Visiting Professors, please contact the TORCH International Officer, [Dr Anbara Khalidi](#) or [Sarah Clay](#), Centre Manager - TORCH.
- TORCH Global Visiting Professors are put forward by an Oxford Humanities academic, and are selected by a panel comprised of members of the TORCH Management Committee.

- Applications must be made via the [IRAMS system](#) and the 'Case for Support' form. This system is only accessible by Oxford researchers and therefore the application has to be submitted by the Oxford host on behalf of the applicant.
- In the application, the Oxford Humanities academic should outline why they have selected the researcher and how their research and practice would contribute to the students and researchers in Oxford, as well as how the research and student community can learn from the Global Visiting Professor, and develop longer term partnerships.
- The application should include the proposed Global Visiting Professor's CV, and research statement on what they plan to do during their Visiting Professorship. (No more than 1000 words on the 'Case for Support' form).
- There is a generous budget to cover the fellowship, please contact the TORCH International Officer to discuss how this should be entered on the IRAMS application.

Eligibility

Proposed TORCH Global Visiting Professors should be holders of university or related posts in their country, and active in Humanities research areas. Visiting Professors should ideally hold an Assistant Professor or full Professor position, and are not normally offered to candidates with doctorates awarded in the last seven years. This opportunity is not available to individuals holding posts in Oxford or who are already resident in or near Oxford.

Further information on the international activity TORCH supports is available here: <https://torch.ox.ac.uk/international-engagement>

Deadline

The deadline for applications is **12 noon (BST) on Monday 6 October 2025**.

All applicants will receive notification of the status of their application within one month of the application closing date.

Contact

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 Sarah Clay (Centre Manager - TORCH) sarah.clay@humanities.ox.ac.uk

Previous TORCH Global South Visiting Professors

Name	From	Academic Host
Prof Fouzia Farooq <i>History, Novelist</i>	Pakistan	Professor Christine Gerrard, English; and Lady Margaret Hall
Professor Workineh Kelbessa, <i>Philosophy, Addis Ababa University</i>	Ethiopia	Professor Roger Crisp, Faculty of Philosophy
Professor Érico Nogueira, <i>Latin Language and Literature</i>	Brazil	Professor Stephen Harris, Classics Faculty and Corpus Christi College
Professor Rosinka Chaudhuri, <i>Cultural Studies</i>	India	Professor Peter McDonald, English Faculty and St Hugh's College
Professor Marcio Goldman, <i>Social Anthropology</i>	Brazil	Dr Ramon Sarró and Dr Elizabeth Ewart, Associate Professors in Anthropology; St Antony's College
Professor Jok Madut Jok, <i>Co-founder of the Sudd Institute</i>	South Sudan	Dr Christopher Morton, Pitt Rivers Museum and Linacre College
Professor Joy Owen, <i>Anthropologist</i>	South Africa	Professor Wale Adebani, African Studies Centre; St Annes College
Professor Supriya Chaudhuri, <i>Professor Emerita of English</i>	India	Professor Ankhi Mukerjee, English and Wadham College

Previous TORCH Global South Visiting Fellows

Name	From	Academic Host
Karin Amatmoekrim, <i>Writer</i>	Suriname	Professor Elleke Boehmer, English; and OCLW, Wolfson College
Dr Nana Oforiatta-Ayim, <i>Art Historian</i>	Ghana	Professor Laura Van Broekhoven, Pitt Rivers Museum; and OCLW, Wolfson College
Nur Laiq, <i>Policy and Politics</i>	India	Professor Rana Mitter, History; and St Cross College
Eduardo Lalo, <i>Artist and Author</i>	Puerto Rico	Dr Maria del Pilar Blanco, Modern Languages; and Trinity College
Dr Analía Gerbaudo, <i>Literature and Translation</i>	Argentina	Dr Stefano Evangelista, Modern Languages, Dr Ben Bollig, Modern Languages, Professor Laura Marcus, English.
Dr Obari Gomba, <i>Literature and Creative Writing, Poet, Playwright</i>	Nigeria	Professor David Pratten, Anthropology & Museum Ethnography; and St Anthony's College

Upcoming TORCH Global South Visiting Fellow

<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Academic Host</i>
<i>Prof Shaoyong Ye</i> <i>Associate Professor, Department of South Asian Studies, School of Foreign Languages, Peking University</i>	China	Jan Westerhoff, Professor of Buddhist Philosophy, Faculty of Theology and Religion; Lady Margaret Hall