



Institute of Advanced Study 2015/16 Fellowships

The Institute of Advanced Study is Durham University's leading interdisciplinary research institute. Its major aim is to foster transformational exchanges of ideas and to enable creative collaborations across the entire disciplinary spectrum. The Institute seeks to catalyse new thinking on major annual themes by bringing together leading international academics as well as writers, artists and practitioners. The theme for 2015/16 is *Evidence*, interpreted in its broadest sense – scientifically, symbolically, legally, philosophically, artistically, politically, economically, and sociologically. Applications are now invited for up to 20, three-month Fellowships (October-December 2015 and January-March 2016), linked to the annual theme. Applicants may be from any academic discipline or professional background involving research, and they may come from anywhere in the world. IAS Fellowships include stipend, travel, accommodation, subsistence and costs associated with replacement teaching or loss of salary (where appropriate).

Further particulars are available from the IAS website www.dur.ac.uk/ias. Details about the 2015/16 'Evidence' theme can also be found here. Informal enquiries with the Directors of the Institute can be made via Linda Crowe, the IAS administrator (Tel: +44 (0) 191 3344686 or email linda.crowe@durham.ac.uk). **The closing date for applications is 08 June 2014.** Eligible applicants will be partly funded by the European Union, through the Durham International Fellowships for Research and Enterprise (DIFeREns).

Further Particulars

Introduction to the IAS

The IAS was launched in October 2006 to mark the 175th anniversary of the foundation of Durham University. The aim of the Institute is to foster creative interdisciplinary thinking – and to communicate this to public audiences – through dialogue and collaboration across disciplinary boundaries. At the core of IAS activities lies a generously funded UK and international Fellowship programme organised around an annual research theme. This allows the IAS to gather together scholars and non-academics (e.g. artists, writers, journalists, policy makers, and politicians) from the full spectrum of sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities to address themes of global significance. Located at the centre of Durham's World Heritage Site, the Institute provides its Fellows with a setting that offers them time and freedom to think, away from the demands of their everyday professional lives. By recruiting Fellows from all around the world, the IAS also provides an exciting intellectual environment in which thinkers from diverse cultural and disciplinary backgrounds can exchange ideas. A

recurring comment in their subsequent reports is that their Fellowship experience has transformed the way they think.

The theme for 2015/16, for which applications are now invited, is *Evidence*, interpreted in its broadest sense to be of potential interest to those working in a wide range of disciplines. A number of specific sub-themes have already been identified, including:

- **Evidence, Policy and Regulation**
- **Evidence and Representation**
- **Unreliable Evidence**
- **Evidence and Interdisciplinarity**
- **Evidence and Experience**
- **Visual Evidence**
- **Evidence and Spatio-temporality**

Fellows will be able to engage in these themes or to propose others that are related to the theme of *Evidence*.

Fellowships are available for a 3-month period between October 2015 and March 2016. Applications are considered from mid/late career researchers or non-academics who have an established international reputation, have made major contributions to their field, and can provide evidence of research leadership and/or public impact. They are expected to have played a significant role in shaping their discipline or field through their outputs, achievements and indicators of esteem. Applications are also considered from early/mid-career individuals who have a strongly emerging international reputation and have done notable work in their field. It is expected that the research or professional practice of applicants will complement the 2015/16 annual theme. Up to 20 IAS Fellowships are available.

What the Fellowships offer:

An IAS Fellowship provides the holder with the opportunity to develop their research and ideas in a thriving community of intellectuals of international standing, within the Institute, through the College system, and by forging strong links with at least one department at the University.

For the duration of their stay, all Fellows will be provided with a single occupancy office in [Cosin's Hall](#), the home of the Institute of Advanced Study. The Hall, a magnificent listed building dedicated to the IAS and elegantly refurbished, is situated on a World Heritage site that includes Durham Cathedral and Durham Castle. In addition, all Fellows will be welcomed into a college community where they will be offered half-board accommodation (in a one or two bedroom flat), and membership of the College's Senior Common Room.

The IAS will cover the costs associated with the Fellow travelling to Durham, UK from their home institution (return fare – economy class) and will provide all Fellows with an honorarium (£3,000 for three months or pro rata for shorter stays).

Limited funds exist for teaching buy-outs or contributions to loss of income. Academics who will not be on research leave/sabbatical leave whilst taking up a Fellowship in Durham are eligible to apply for teaching buy-out costs of up to £8,000 (for the three month period or pro rata for shorter stays). Alternatively individuals who will experience a loss of income as a result of accepting an IAS Fellowship are eligible to apply for a contribution towards their salary/earnings.

Fellows' contribution to the IAS:

To ensure the best experience at the IAS, Fellows are required to:

- Reside in Durham for three months;
- Participate in IAS activities and engage with staff and research students in relevant departments and Colleges at Durham University;
- Present an 'in house' IAS seminar and a public lecture;
- Write a short paper (3-5,000 words) for the Institute's publication *Insights*;
- Contribute, where appropriate, to other relevant activities in the thematic programme;
- Acknowledge IAS support in any publications resulting from their Fellowship in Durham;
- Produce an 'End of Fellowship' report (no more than 1,000 words) detailing their activities and achievements during their time at the IAS.

How to Apply

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants of any nationality are eligible to apply;
- Applicants from any discipline are eligible to apply;
- Applicants may come from an academic or non-academic background (e.g. public intellectuals, artists, writers, film makers, journalists, policy makers, politicians);
- Applicants should **either** be mid/late career scholars and non-academics who have an established international reputation for research leadership or public impact **or** early/mid-career individuals with an emerging international reputation who are beginning to shape the agenda in their field;
- Applicants must submit a **complete** application as described in the Application Procedures;
- Applicants must agree to the conditions of the IAS Fellowships as described in the Further Particulars.

Application Procedures

The following application materials are required by the deadline 08 June 2014:

1. A letter of application
2. A Curriculum Vitae/Résumé
3. Two references (at least one to be external to Durham)
4. A Fellowship proposal.

The Fellowship proposal (4) must also be copied into the attached pro forma (see bottom of page) and submitted for peer review to the Durham academic department with which the proposed research most closely aligns. Please indicate in the letter of application that this pro forma has been submitted and to whom. It is strongly recommended that all applicants find an appropriate peer reviewer at the University. If it is not possible to determine an appropriate departmental contact, this should be noted in the letter of application.

Application Materials

Letter of Application

The letter of application **must** make clear which period applicants would like to spend at Durham (October-December 2015 **OR** January-March 2016 **OR** either period).

If a teaching buy-out or a contribution towards a loss of earnings is requested a costing **must** be included with the application. Note that this cannot be done retrospectively (i.e. once an offer of a Fellowship has been made) so applicants should consult with their home institution prior to applying.

The IAS normally offers teaching buy-out costs at a pro-rata rate at junior replacement level, up to £8,000 (for the full three month period). In due course, should the IAS offer a Fellowship, a letter from the applicant's home institution will be required supporting this claim. The costs of salaried Fellows will be paid directly to their home institutions. Fellows who are self-employed will be reimbursed directly.

Finally, applicants are asked to indicate in the letter of application if they will be accompanied by a spouse or partner and/or if they have a family that will be travelling with them. However, accommodation suitable for families is limited and the IAS cannot, therefore, guarantee that such accommodation will be provided. The IAS cannot cover the costs of family travel and subsistence.

Curriculum Vitae/Résumé

The Curriculum Vitae/Résumé should include evidence of research interests and career to date, international recognition and impact in the field.

References

References should be emailed by referees directly to the IAS Administrator (see below) by the appropriate deadline (08 June 2014). References should include comments about the applicant's standing in their particular field, the quality of the applicant's research, the level of recognition that has been received for this research, the quality of the proposed research to be undertaken at Durham, and the degree to which the applicant would contribute to and benefit from being in an interdisciplinary community of Fellows.

Fellowship Proposal

The Fellowship proposal (c.500-1000 words) should include details of the activities planned whilst holding an IAS Fellowship, the contacts and contribution envisaged in Durham, and how the proposed research will fit with the 2015/16 [theme](#). Applicants should take into consideration the evaluation criteria when completing the proposal. This must be submitted with the application letter and CV.

The Fellowship proposal should **also** be uploaded to the proforma (see bottom of page) and sent to an appropriate Durham academic with a request that they should comment on your proposal, sending these comments directly to the IAS. A list of academic departments and Research Institutes is noted below:

- [Academic Departments](https://www.dur.ac.uk/departments/) – <https://www.dur.ac.uk/departments/>
- [Research Institutes](https://www.dur.ac.uk/research/institutes/) - <https://www.dur.ac.uk/research/institutes/>

Application Evaluation

All applications will be considered carefully by the IAS Fellowship Selection Committee according to the following evaluation criteria:

- *Criterion 1.* International standing and contribution of the candidate to the field, as appropriate to the career stage of the candidate (40%)
- *Criterion 2.* Quality of the proposal for activities while at the IAS and relevance to the annual theme (30%)
- *Criterion 3.* Contribution to the wider scholarly community at Durham (20%)
- *Criterion 4.* Collegiality and ability to contribute to the community of IAS Fellows (10%)

The sources of information for assessing applications include the application materials (including references) provided by the applicant, publicly accessible information (including published articles or books, works of art etc.) and advice sought from peer reviewers.

In selecting the final list of successful Fellows, the Selection Committee will also take into account

1. the limit of 10 Fellowships in each of the Oct-Dec and Jan-March period;
2. the geographical and disciplinary balance of the Fellows in each period;
3. the balance between established scholars/practitioners and emerging talent.

It is intended that decisions for the 2015/16 recruitment phase will be announced in writing by the end of **September 2014**. Applicants are normally informed of the outcome of their application by letter, unless they request this information to be relayed by email.

Closing Date

The closing date for applications to the IAS Fellowship scheme for 2015/16 is 08 June 2014. Applications must be emailed to the IAS Administrator, [Linda Crowe](#), **no later than this date**. Applicants are also asked to quote the reference number from the Fellowship advertisement or state how they found out about the Fellowship programme.

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Should applicants wish to discuss informally matters relating to the IAS Fellowships in general they are welcome to contact [Linda Crowe](#) or the Executive Director, [Professor Veronica Strang](#). The other Directors [Professor Martin Ward](#) (Physics), [Professor Barbara Graziosi](#) (Classics and Ancient History) and [Professor Robert Barton](#) (Anthropology) are also available for informal consultation.

Fulbright Scholars

In addition to the IAS Fellowship scheme, the IAS also hosts one Fulbright Scholar per year (January-March period only) in connection with its annual theme. US citizens who are interested in applying for a Fulbright Scholar Award at the Durham IAS should apply directly to the Fulbright Commission: <http://www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-uk/scholars-and-professionals/durham-university-institute-of-advanced-studies>. **Please note that the Fulbright has a different set of deadlines for its scheme.**

Relevant Web Addresses

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/ias>

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/ias/fellowships/iasfellowship/>

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/ias/fellows/apply/>

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/ias/fellows/furtherparticulars/>

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/departments/>

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/ias/1516FellowshipResearchProforma.docx>