

Further Particulars

Introduction to the IAS

The Institute of Advanced Study (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 now internationally acclaimed Fellowship programme. The IAS gathers together distinguished 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 shared research areas and topics. By recruiting Fellows from all around the world, the IAS fosters an exciting intellectual environment in which scholars 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.

Applications are now invited for the academic year **2018/19**.

Fellowships are available for a 3-month period between **October 2018 and March 2019** only. Applications are considered from researchers or non-academics who have a well-established or strongly emerging 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. It is hoped that the research or professional interests of applicants could complement the **2018/19** research projects sponsored by the IAS (see: www.durham.ac.uk/ias/201819projects).

Please note that these Fellowships are not available to undergraduate or postgraduate students. A completed PhD is the minimum requirement for applicants undertaking a traditional academic trajectory, or they should have an equivalent level of experience in other areas.

What the Fellowships offer:

An IAS Fellowship provides recipients with the opportunity to develop their ideas in a thriving community of researchers, and through engagement with the University's Departments and Colleges.

For the duration of their stay, all Fellows will be provided office space. In addition, all Fellows will be welcomed into a College where they will be offered half-board accommodation (in a one bedroom flat, or similar), and membership of the College's Senior Common Room.

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

Limited funds exist for teaching buy-outs or contribution 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 of the same amount (up to £8,000).

Fellows' contribution to the IAS:

To ensure the best experience, 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 a 'work in progress' IAS seminar;
- Deliver a public lecture;
- Establish a collaborative undertaking with a Durham academic: this can be a joint publication; research project; co-convened workshop or conference; exhibition; or other joint research output;
- Contribute, where appropriate, to other relevant activities in IAS sponsored research projects;
- Acknowledge IAS support in any publications resulting from their Fellowship in Durham;
- Produce an 'End of Fellowship' report of 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 (though preference will be given to International applicants);
- 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);
- Applications should be from researchers or non-academics who have a well-established or strongly emerging 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;

- Applicants must submit a **complete** application as described in the Application Procedures (incomplete applications **will not** be accepted);
- 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 30 June 2017:

1. A letter of application;
2. A Curriculum Vitae/Resume;
3. Two references;
4. A Fellowship proposal;

The Fellowship proposal (**#4**) must also be copied into the **relevant pro forma** (see: [http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/ias/final201819FellowshipResearchPro forma.docx](http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/ias/final201819FellowshipResearchPro%20forma.docx)) and submitted for peer review to a Durham academic with whom the proposed research most closely aligns. Applicants must allow sufficient time to make contact with a potential Reviewer to allow them sufficient time to complete the review and return it directly to the IAS by the 30 June deadline. It is also **essential** that the letter of application confirms that this pro forma has been submitted and to whom. If it is not possible to determine an appropriate departmental reviewer, this must be noted in the letter of application. Further details about how to locate an appropriate reviewer are noted below.

Application Materials

Letter of Application

The letter of application **must** make clear which period applicants would like to spend at Durham (October-December 2018 **OR** January-March 2019. If either period is suitable please indicate).

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). If such a teaching buy-out or a contribution is required 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 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 buy-out costs of salaried Fellows will be paid directly to their home institutions. Fellows who are self-employed will be reimbursed directly.

Applicants **must** 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 guarantee that such accommodation will be provided. The IAS cannot cover the costs of family travel and subsistence.

Finally, applicants **must** indicate in the letter of application how they were made aware of the Fellowship (word of mouth; via their own institution; website etc.).

Curriculum Vitae/Resume

The Curriculum Vitae/Resume 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 (30 June 2017). **The IAS will not make any request for references, including any not received by the application deadline.**

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 describe the activities planned whilst holding an IAS Fellowship, the contacts and contribution envisaged in Durham. 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 **pro forma** (see bottom of page) and sent to an appropriate Durham academic at least two weeks before the application deadline. The application deadline is 30 June 2017 and therefore contact with a Durham scholar must be made by 16 June 2017. All applicants **must** seek the agreement of a Durham academic to review their research proposal. Durham **Peer Reviewers** must return the completed pro forma by the application deadline of 30 June 2017. If the Durham academic agrees to act as Reviewer, he/she will complete the relevant section of the pro forma and return it directly to the IAS (not to the applicant). Please note: all applicants are expected to seek an appropriate peer reviewer; the IAS will not do this for them.

The IAS recommends using the [Find an expert](#) section of Durham University's research directory. This has a tool for [searching the Research Directory](#). Here applicants can search for a particular research topic and find associated staff members and publications.

Further sources of information include:

- [IAS sponsored 2018/19 Research Projects](#)
- [A to Z of Departments](#)
- [Contact Lists \(by Dept., Inst., College & Research Group\)](#)
- [Email and Telephone Directory](#)
- [Faculties](#)
 - [Faculty of Arts and Humanities](#)
 - [Faculty of Science](#)
 - [Faculty Of Social Sciences And Health](#)
- [Research Centres](#)
- [Research Institutes](#)
- [Search Engine](#)

Application Evaluation

All applications will be evaluated by the IAS Fellowship Selection Committee according to the following 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 proposed research activities while at the IAS (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 periods;
2. the geographical and disciplinary diversity of the Fellows in each period;
3. the balance between established scholars/practitioners and emerging talent.

Decisions for the 2018/19 recruitment phase will be communicated by **email only** by the end of **December 2017**.

Closing Date

The closing date for applications to the IAS Fellowship scheme for 2018/19 is **30 June 2017**. Applications must be emailed to the IAS Administrator, [Linda Crowe](#), no later than this date. **Incomplete applications**, or **applications received after this date will not be considered**. Applicants must also 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 Chris Greenwell](#) (Earth Sciences), [Professor Nicholas Saul](#) (Modern Languages and Cultures) and [Dr Sam Hillyard](#) (Applied Social Sciences) are also available for informal consultation.

Additional 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/>

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/resources/ias/final201819FellowshipResearchPro forma.docx>

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/ias/201819projects>