



Visiting Fellowships

The Refugee Studies Centre

The Refugee Studies Centre is the world's leading multidisciplinary centre for research and teaching on the causes and consequences of forced migration. This vibrant research centre is located within the prestigious Department of International Development at the University of Oxford.

The Visiting Fellowships

Visiting Fellowships at the RSC are open to senior practitioners and policymakers (typically those on a sabbatical or period of leave from their organisation) who wish to spend a period of study and reflection in an academic environment; and PhD (DPhil) students, post-doctoral scholars and professional academics researching aspects of forced migration. Fellowships are normally held for one term of the Oxford academic year, with the possibility of extension for up to two more terms in exceptional circumstances. Admission to the Visiting Fellowships Programme is competitive.

Each Fellow is assigned an academic contact and is expected to undertake a specific programme of self-directed study or research. The opportunity is provided for Fellows to present their work-in-progress in the informal Tuesday seminar series.

Visiting Fellows have access to the University's academic facilities, including libraries, seminars, language laboratories and computer training courses. Resources include the world's largest collection of unpublished literature in refugee and forced migration studies. There are computer facilities at the RSC for Visiting Fellows. Fellows may also enjoy the Departmental social facilities.

Fees and expenses

For Visiting Fellows who are self-funded the fee is £1200 per term; for those funded by foundations, trusts, non-governmental organisations, government or inter-governmental organisations, the fee is £1500 per term. It is recommended that Fellows have at least £900 per month in addition to cover food, accommodation and other incidental living expenses.

Once an application has been approved for affiliation, the RSC can provide information and advice about potential sources of funding and write letters in support of funding applications. In the past, Fellows have received financial help from the British Council, the Commonwealth Foundation, the European Commission, the Ford Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the Fulbright Commission, the United Nations University and many non-governmental organisations.

From time to time the RSC receives limited funding to support Visiting Fellows from the global South. Information is available on request and is posted on our website www.rsc.ox.ac.uk

Fellows are expected to find their own accommodation. Rooms in shared houses in Oxford cost about £400 per month. Rental accommodation in Oxford is in very high demand and Fellows are strongly advised to make the necessary arrangements as early as possible. Although the RSC cannot provide or arrange accommodation, it is happy to offer information and advice.

How to apply

Applications should be submitted at least six months before the beginning of the proposed residence in Oxford. Those wishing to become Visiting Fellows should send a completed application form, their curriculum vitae, a 500-word outline of their proposed research project, and a scanned copy of their ID as well as copies of their qualifications. Candidates are expected to demonstrate competence in English (a minimum score of 7.00 in ELTS/IELTS or 570 in TOEFL). Selection is made within the RSC and confirmed by the QEH Affiliations Committee.

Apply online at www.rsc.ox.ac.uk, or contact

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