

## Distinguished Visiting Fellowship Scheme



The Institute of Advanced Studies here at the University of Birmingham is now welcoming nominations for our IAS Distinguished Visiting Fellowship (DVF) scheme which will allow us to bring to Birmingham outstanding academics from around the world for research collaborations and the enrichment of campus life.

The guidelines for making a nomination are below:

### Purpose

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- To attract outstanding academics across all career stages, who are operating at the cutting edge of their disciplines to work collaboratively with colleagues at the University of Birmingham.
- To focus on new and existing areas that are timely, relevant to national and international priorities and cross disciplinary boundaries.

### Timing

The IAS will host fellows for visits of up to six months. We would normally expect fellows to spend a minimum of one month with us although cases for shorter visits will be considered.

### Resources

The IAS will:

- Cover costs associated with the Fellow travelling to Birmingham from their home institution;
- Arrange and cover the cost of accommodation;
- Organise access to Library and IT services;
- Provide a fund against which research expenses for the visit may be claimed. The funds will be agreed between the proposer and the IAS Deputy Director to allow support for the collaboration which includes public events and workshops;
- Support networking through meetings and events across the University;
- Facilitate a DVF network;
- Organise and support public events and workshops agreed with the dissemination plan.

The academic hosting department/school will:

- Provide desk/office space;
- Provide support for induction to the host department;
- Work with IAS and DVF to plan implementation of the objectives and dissemination plan.

### Assessment and Selection

Normally, an internal selection panel comprising Director of Research or their nominee will advise the Director of the IAS.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Academic excellence and standing against career stage of the proposed DVF;
- The extent to which the visit will enhance existing collaborative research or pump prime new areas;
- The value of the research outputs and their impact.

The Distinguished Visiting Fellow will be expected to:

- Participate in IAS activities and engage with staff and research students in relevant Departments, Schools and Colleges at The University of Birmingham;
- Present an IAS seminar and or public lecture;
- Write a *short* report on activities and achievements against objectives outlined at application stage (within 6 months of the end of the fellowship);
- Acknowledge IAS support in any publications resulting from their period of stay in Birmingham;
- Become a member of the cohort of IAS DVF alumni group.

### Deadlines

The next deadline to submit a proposal is Monday 19 January 2015.

Future deadlines:

Monday 16 March 2015

## Proposals from Internal Sponsor

- A case for support of up to 500 words *from the internal sponsor* to demonstrate fit to the objectives of the scheme and likely outcomes from the collaboration, together with a dissemination plan with specifics that will be delivered during the visit (e.g. seminar, workshop, public lecture, webinars, blog) and subsequently (e.g. publications, new research projects) which will demonstrate the value of the visit to the academic community and external stakeholders and organisations;
- Short CV of applicant;
- Confirmation from the applicant that if IAS were to offer a Fellowship they would accept, together with an indication of when they expect to be in Birmingham.

Where there is a need to move quickly to secure exceptional individuals, Directors of Research and the Director of the IAS will fast track applications and sign off proposals outside the published deadlines.

For further details on this scheme, please contact Sue Gilligan: [s.gilligan@bham.ac.uk](mailto:s.gilligan@bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:s.gilligan@bham.ac.uk>).

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