



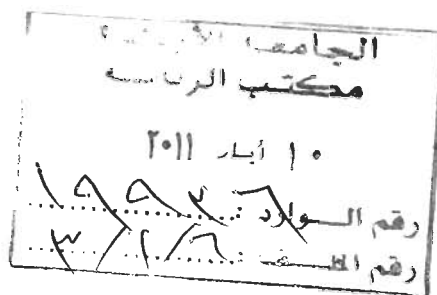
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Dear Professor Al-Karaki

**2012/13 Fellowship Opportunity at Durham University's
Institute of Advanced Study**

I am writing to you in my capacity as Vice-Chancellor of Durham University to remind you of the prestigious funded fellowship scheme at our Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) that is open to the most creative and accomplished scholars from all over the world.

The Durham IAS is an ideas-based institute launched in October 2006 as a forum for high-level inter- and multi-disciplinary debate on major themes. The aim of the Institute is to produce new thinking about ideas that change the world through dialogue among and between scholars and intellectuals in different disciplines, and to communicate this thinking to the wider academic community, policymakers and the public in general. At its core lies a generously funded UK and international fellowship programme. It allows the IAS to gather together the world's finest scholars and non-academics from the full spectrum of science, social science, arts and humanities disciplines to address themes of global significance.

We are very keen that the Institute's fellowship programme attracts the very best scholars from across the world and hence I am writing to you directly to request that you draw this opportunity to the attention of your colleagues. Each fellowship bestows its recipient with an honorarium (£2,500), a travel allowance, accommodation, and money to buy out them out from their teaching if this is necessary in order for them to be able to accept the fellowship (up to £8,000).

There are up to 20 fellowships available and each is for a three month period (either October-December 2012 or January-March 2013) and most, but not all, will be awarded to individuals whose research provides the best fit with the Institute's annual theme. During their stay, in addition to pursuing their research, fellows are required to engage with each other and with staff at Durham, deliver a public lecture and an IAS seminar, and work on an IAS web-based publication of circa 5,000 words.

The Institute's annual theme for 2012-13 will be 'Time'. This is a theme with significant interdisciplinary possibilities. A few examples of research strands that are emerging at Durham in relation to the theme are as follows. Mathematicians and physicists propose to study the nature and geometry of time, giving emphasis to string theory; arts and humanities scholars will be leading explorations of the role played by narrative in our understanding of time; and there will also be significant work, too, on scaling time, interpreting it as the dimension in which cultures and religions conceptualise the recurrent and changing meanings of existence, and as the medium through which archaeologists, historians and anthropologists relate the present to the past. Art's role in reshaping time according to its own imaginative and aesthetic laws is also likely to be studied.

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We think this theme will be of great interest to a wide range of scholars from across all disciplines. Applications for the 2012/13 fellowships are welcome from 26 April 2011; the closing date for applications is 12 June 2011.

I enclose the full details of the 2012/13 fellowship scheme with this letter but if you require an electronic copy of this documentation then please email enquiries.ias@dur.ac.uk. Alternatively, full details can be obtained by your colleagues from the Institute's website: <http://www.dur.ac.uk/ias/fellows/apply/>. I am also enclosing, for your information, a copy of the Institute's current annual programme for its 2010-11 'Futures' theme.

I do hope you will encourage your colleagues to apply to the 2012/13 IAS Fellowship scheme.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Higgins', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Professor Chris Higgins
Vice-Chancellor and Warden

The IAS was launched by Durham in October 2006 as a research-led, University-based forum for world-class multi- and interdisciplinary debate. The Institute seeks to catalyse new thinking on major annual themes through critical dialogue between gifted individuals from different professional and academic backgrounds. The theme for 2012/13 is "Time", interpreted in its broadest sense – scientifically, symbolically, legally, philosophically, literarily, politically, economically, and sociologically. Applications are now invited for up to 20 funded, three-month fellowships (October-December 2012 and January-March 2013), which will be linked to the annual theme. Applicants may be scholars, writers, artists or thinkers/practitioners from any discipline and 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. Further details of the 2012/13 Time theme can also be found here. Informal enquiries with the Directors of the Institute can be made via Catherine Paine, the IAS administrator (Tel: +44(0)191 3342589 or email catherine.paine@durham.ac.uk). **Closing date for applications is Sunday 12 June 2011.** Eligible applicants will be partly funded by the European Union, through the Durham International Fellowship Scheme.

Further Particulars

Introduction to the IAS

The IAS is a flagship project launched in October 2006 to mark the 175th anniversary of the foundation of Durham University. The aim of the Institute is to cultivate – and communicate to various publics - new thinking on big ideas through critical dialogue across professional and disciplinary boundaries. At the core of IAS activities lies a generously funded UK and international fellowship programme organised around an annual theme. This allows the IAS to gather together the world's finest scholars and non-academics (e.g. intellectuals, artists, writers, journalists, policy makers, and politicians) from the full spectrum of science, social science, arts and humanities disciplines to address themes of global significance. The Institute provides its fellows with a setting that offers them freedom to think in an unconstrained way, exempt from the day to day demands of their normal professional obligations, and in the company of other thinkers from very different backgrounds. The IAS seeks to develop a truly global perspective by ensuring that its fellows are recruited from all over the world, including the global south.

The theme for 2012/13, for which applications are now invited, is "Time", 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:

- Present an 'in house' IAS seminar and a public lecture.
- Write a short paper (3-5,000 words) for the Institute's flagship publication 'Insights'
- Contribute, where appropriate, to other relevant activities in the thematic programme.
- Acknowledge IAS support in any publications resulting from their period of stay in Durham.
- Produce an 'End of Fellowship' report (no more than 1,000 words) detailing their activities and achievements during their Fellowship

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 Procedure
- Applicants must agree to the conditions of the IAS Fellowships as described in the Further Particulars

Application Procedures

To apply for an IAS fellowship you will need to submit the following **application materials**:

- A letter of application
- A Curriculum Vitae/ Résumé
- Two references (at least one to be external to Durham)
- Fellowship proposal

Letter of Application

In your letter of application you should make it clear the period that you would like to spend at Durham (October-December 2012 OR January-March 2013 OR either period).

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

We normally offer teaching buy-out costs at a pro-rata rate at junior replacement level, up to £8,000 (for the full three month period or pro rata for shorter stays). In due course, should the IAS offer you a fellowship, a letter from your home institution will be required supporting this claim. The costs of salaried fellows will be paid directly to their home institutions, while fellows who are self-employed will be paid directly.

It is intended that decisions will be announced in writing by the end of September 2011. Applicants are normally informed of the outcome of their application by letter, unless they request this information to be relayed by email. The Directors reserve the right to invite Fellows to join the IAS; however, they will award a minimum number of Fellowships through the application process.

Closing Date

The closing date for applications to the IAS Fellowship scheme is Sunday 12 June 2011.

Please **email** your application to the IAS Administrator, Catherine Paine, by no later than **Sunday 12 June 2011**, quoting the reference number from the Fellowship advertisement.

Email: catherine.paine@durham.ac.uk

Tel: +44(0)191 3342589

Fax: +44(0)191 3344699

Should you wish to discuss informally matters relating to the IAS Fellowships in general please contact Catherine Paine or the Acting Executive Director, Professor Michael O'Neill (m.s.o'neill@durham.ac.uk). The other Directors (Professor Colin Bain, Chemistry and Professor Tony Wilkinson, Archaeology) are also available for informal consultation.

Fulbright Scholars

The IAS also hosts one Fulbright Scholar per year (January-March period only) in connection with its annual theme. US citizens who wish to apply for a Fulbright Scholar Award at the Durham IAS should apply directly to the Fulbright Commission:

www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens/scholars-and-fellows-awards/durham-university-scholar-award. Please note that the Fulbright operates a different set of deadlines for applications to the IAS Fellowship scheme.

Finally, please indicate in your letter of application if you will be accompanied by a spouse or partner and/or if you have a family that will be travelling with you. However, please note that accommodation suitable for families is limited and that 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

Your Curriculum Vitae/Résumé should include evidence of your research interests and career to date, and of your international standing and impact in your field.

References

References should be emailed by your referees directly to the IAS Administrator (see below) by 12 June 2011. 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 a multi-disciplinary community of fellows.

Fellowship Proposal

The Fellowship proposal (c.500-1000 words) should include details of your planned activity whilst holding an IAS fellowship, the contacts and contribution you envisage making at Durham, and how your planned research will fit with the 2012/13 Theme. Please take into consideration the evaluation criteria when completing your proposal.

Applications are welcome from Durham University staff but, in addition to the above materials, a letter from their Head of Department confirming that they have their permission to apply must be submitted with the application.

Application Evaluation

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

Criterion 1. International standing and contribution of the candidate to his/her field, as appropriate to the career stage of the candidate (40%)

Criterion 2. Quality of 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 provided by the applicant, publicly accessible information (including published articles or books, works of art, personal and professional websites) and advice sought from experts within or outwith Durham University.

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

- (i) the limit of 10 Fellowships in each of the Oct-Dec and Jan-March period;
- (ii) the geographical and disciplinary balance of the Fellows in each period;
- (iii) the balance between established scholars/practitioners and emerging talent.

- Nature and Geometry of Time
- Narrating Time
- Reconstructing Time
- Time and the Present
- Scaling Time
- Strategies of Timing

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

Fellowships are available for a 3-month period between October 2012 and March 2013 (shorter stays to be negotiated with the Directors). Applications are considered from mid/late career scholars and non-academics who have an established international reputation, have shaped 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 field through their outputs, achievements and markers of esteem. Applications are also considered from early/mid career individuals who have an emerging international reputation and are beginning to shape the agenda in their field. The fellowships will be offered to those whose research complements the 2012/13 annual theme. Up to 20 IAS Fellowships are available in 2012-13.

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 national and international standing, within the Institute, through the College system, and by forging strong links with at least one department at Durham.

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 (£2,500 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 on fellowship at 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 lost salary/earnings.

Your contribution to the IAS:

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

- Reside in Durham for three months (shorter stays may occasionally be negotiated with the Directors; this must occur prior to the award of the fellowship).
- Participate in IAS activities and engage with staff and research students in relevant departments and Colleges at Durham University