Durham University
Institute of Advanced Study

2028/29 Fellowship 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 IAS supports, promotes and grows new and creative interdisciplinary ideas that transform our perspectives in challenging and provocative ways. We provide time, space, and resources to exchange and integrate ideas, knowledge and skills. We are a home to an inclusive, diverse and supportive community of scholars from Durham University and across the world.

The IAS Fellowship welcomes world-leading researchers to Durham, providing the time and space to work on projects and build future collaborations. IAS Fellows will come to Durham each year to reside and work with its scholars to spark new investigations and participate in a varied programme of activities.

Each year, the Institute sponsors several major interdisciplinary projects and a range of other research developments. Fellows are expected to collaborate with Durham colleagues carrying out such activities. Nominators should therefore consider whether the interests of their Nominated Fellow(s) complement their funded IAS Major Project.

Fellowships are available for a ten-week in either Michaelmas Term (02 October – 08 December 2028) or Epiphany Term (08 January – 16 March 2029).

Nominations are considered from international, world-leading researchers (or practitioners, such as writers, artists, policy makers etc.) who meet the criteria for the IAS Fellowship scheme. Thus, they must have a well-established or strongly emerging international reputation and a substantial publication record (or equivalent achievements); they must have made major contributions to their field; and they must be able to provide substantial 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, and they should also be able to offer experience in leading or participating directly in interdisciplinary research.

In accord with the IAS's remit to establish international collaborations, preference will be given to nominations and applicants from outside the UK.

IAS Fellowships are **not available** to undergraduate or postgraduate students. A completed PhD with five years' post-doctoral experience is the minimum requirement for Fellows undertaking a traditional academic trajectory, or they must have an equivalent level of experience and track record in other areas.

Previous recipients of an IAS Fellowship are not eligible for a further Fellowship.

What the Fellowship offers:

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

All Fellows will be provided with office space. Each will be accommodated, at the IAS's expense, in a Durham College where they will be offered standard accommodation in a one-bedroom flat suitable for up to two people. Family accommodation is sometimes available for Fellows, but at the point of nomination and Fellowship award, it cannot be guaranteed. Any requests for family accommodation should be explicit in the 'Fellowship Nominee references and confirmation Form' (which is submitted once a Major Project has been awarded). Meals for Fellows are provided (in catered Colleges), 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 (one return fare – economy class) and will provide all Fellows with an honorarium (£2,000 for the full ten-week Fellowship period).

Teaching buyout funding will only be approved in **exceptional cases**, and only for Fellows from **less advantaged regions** or from **institutions that do not offer research or study leave**. In these circumstances, Fellows may apply for up to **£8,000** to cover teaching buyout costs for the full Fellowship period.

Fellows from universities that **provide study or research leave** are expected to use this leave to take up their IAS Fellowship and **will not be eligible for any teaching buyout funding**.

Similarly, **practitioners** who would lose income by accepting an IAS Fellowship may apply for a **contribution of up to £8,000**.

Fellows' contribution to the IAS:

Fellows are **required** to fulfil the following:

- They will reside in Durham for the **full duration** of the Fellowship.
- They will participate in IAS activities, including informal discussions, weekly collective lunch events, and networking within the IAS community, and engage with staff and research students in relevant Departments, Institutes and Colleges at the University.
- They will present their work to different communities within the IAS and within the Durham college hosting them. This will normally consist of one formal public lecture, and other activities within the IAS or their college.
- They will contribute to an IAS Major project.
- They must acknowledge IAS support in any publications resulting from their Fellowship in Durham.
- They must produce an 'End of Fellowship' report of no more than 1,000 words detailing their activities and achievements during their time at the IAS, within two months of completing their Fellowship.

Additional

In line with Durham University's equality and diversity policies, the IAS welcomes nominees of any nationality. The IAS particularly welcomes nominations from individuals from under-represented groups. Preference will be given to nominations from outside the UK.
(https://www.dur.ac.uk/equality.diversity/positiveworking/policies/eanddpolicy/).

The nominator must submit all relevant Nomination information in the initial IAS Major Project Application form, and if the project is awarded, the nominator will be required to confirm additional information in order to complete the Fellowship nomination for final consideration.

The Major Application deadline with initial Felllow nomination details must be received by the deadline of GMT **midday 18 March 2027.**

Evaluation

All criteria are marked on a scale of 0-5 with the weighting given in brackets below. Please give particular consideration to these criteria when completing this pro forma.

1. International standing and contribution of the candidate to his/her field, as appropriate to the career stage of the candidate. (40%)
2. Quality of proposal for research activities during the IAS Fellowship, and relevance to IAS project in 2028/29. (30%)
3. Contribution to the wider scholarly community at Durham beyond the relevant IAS Major Project and outside their home discipline. (30%)

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

1. The ability to host and accommodate a limited number of Fellowships in each of the October-December and January-March periods.
2. The geographical and disciplinary diversity of the Fellows in each period.

Contact IAS Manager, Linda Crowe (ias.manager@durham.ac.uk), if you have any questions relating to the nomination process.