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## **Junior Research Fellowship**

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This is a non-stipendiary JRF, but confers Common Room membership, academic facilities (including office space) and dining rights.

Fellows are required to have a salaried post within the University or one of its institutes with a tenure of at least 12 months from the date of taking up the Fellowship. Provided the Fellow continues to hold a salaried post the term of the Fellowship is for 3 years.

Further information is available at [www.oxcis.ac.uk](http://www.oxcis.ac.uk), or from the Assistant Registrar, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Marston Road, Oxford OX3 0EE, to whom applications, including CV and a list of publications, should be sent no later than 6 April 2018. Applicants should arrange for three referees to write directly to the Assistant Registrar by the same date.

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## Further Particulars

### 1. Overview

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The **Junior Research Fellow** will be a full member of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, responsible to its Director. The Fellow will be actively involved in the Centre's academic and social activities, and will be provided with office accommodation.

### 3. Criteria for Selection

The Centre is looking for candidate(s) who most fully meets the following criteria:

- the skills to promote high standards of scholarship in research, publication and other academic activities which contribute to a more informed understanding of the culture and civilization of Islam and of contemporary Muslim societies
- commitment to be a fully participating member of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies.
- appropriate computer proficiency and familiarity with research languages is desirable

### 4. The Selection Process and How to Apply

Your application should contain:

- A letter of application which provides evidence as to how your skills and past experience meet the selection criteria outlined above;
- A detailed curriculum vitae;
- Names of three referees, who you should also ask to write directly to the Assistant Registrar at the Centre.

All of the above should be sent for the attention of the Assistant Registrar, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, George Street, Oxford OX1 2AR Applications must be received by **12:00 noon (UK time) on 6 April 2018.** (**Gordon.Brown@oxcis.ac.uk**)

Please do not send samples of written work or transcripts at this stage. Shortlisted candidates may be asked to interview. Those interviewed may be required to give a twenty-minute presentation on some aspect of their research, aimed at a specialist audience. All reasonable interview expenses will be reimbursed. The appointment will be subject to satisfactory completion of a medical questionnaire. For a non-British/EU candidate the appointment would be subject to a work permit having been granted.

## 5. Background to the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, a Recognised Independent Centre of the University of Oxford, is engaged in the multi-disciplinary study of Muslim societies.

Established in 1985, the Centre is committed to the advancement of academic excellence in teaching, research and publication. The Fellowship is drawn from a variety of academic backgrounds. Currently Centre Fellows teach in a range of University departments and faculties, including: Anthropology, Continuing Education, Development Studies, Oriental Studies, Theology, and History. The research profile is similarly diverse, ranging from a geographical study of the intellectual roots of Muslim civilization and contemporary social movements in the Islamic world to investigations into the theory and practice of Islamic financial management.

The Centre has a thriving Publications department, which includes the *Journal of Islamic Studies*. Published three times a year the *Journal* aims to encourage interaction among academics from diverse traditions of learning to enable the dissemination of their research and reflections. It is peer-reviewed. The Centre facilitates, and actively encourages, the publication of monographs and other works by Centre Fellows.

The Centre's library has expanded considerably in recent years and will continue to grow, providing a valuable and unique resource for members of the university. It now houses approximately 17,000 volumes. The library is part of OLIS, Oxford University's online union library catalogue.

The Centre is located in purpose-built premises on Marston Road next to Magdalen College.

Potential applicants can find out more about the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies at [www.oxcis.ac.uk](http://www.oxcis.ac.uk).

## 7. Terms and Conditions

### **Appointment:**

Appointments to Junior Research Fellowships at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies are made by the Director acting on behalf of the Trustees. All those appointed are ultimately accountable, through the Director, to the Trustees for the proper conduct and implementation of their duties and responsibilities. These duties and responsibilities are defined by reference to the following objectives of the Centre: to promote high

standards of scholarship in teaching, research, publication and other academic activities which contribute to a more informed understanding of the culture and civilization of Islam and of contemporary Muslim societies.

### **Responsibilities of the Fellow at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies**

The Fellow will undertake the following duties:

- To undertake and promote high standards of scholarship in research, publication and other academic activities which contribute to a more informed understanding of the culture and civilization of Islam and of contemporary Muslim societies.
- participate in and promote activities which contribute to the academic and social life of the Centre.

### **Stipend:**

There is no stipend payable but the holder will be entitled to office accommodation, IT facilities and certain dining rights.

### **Period of appointment:**

The Fellowship is tenable for up to three years.

### **Other terms and conditions of appointment:**

All appointments are subject to the relevant and current provisions of the policies of the Centre