

Global Humanities Travel Scheme Funding Call (Round 2)

The Global Humanities Initiative is a collaboration between the University of Cambridge and universities in China (Fudan, Nanjing), India (Ashoka), the Middle East (American University of Beirut), Latin America (Universidad Diego Portales, Chile), and Turkey (Sabanci University). It seeks to advance the Humanities as a common enterprise, incorporating traditional and new ways of scholarship and developing novel ways of teaching and researching.

One of the goals of its current development phase is to foster staff mobility between institutions. This scheme is designed primarily to provide funding for scholarly exchange between Cambridge and its partner universities that leads to joint teaching ventures (primarily but not exclusively at post-graduate level); and secondarily to build the basis for new research initiatives which can lead to larger-scale opportunities/collaborations in the future. Applications will normally be considered for stays of between 2 and 4 weeks.

We particularly welcome applications that enable students and researchers to understand and interrogate new ideas and foster a greater plurality of voices in the scholarly community.

The scheme is intended to cover academic disciplines in the School of Arts and Humanities at Cambridge (<https://www.csah.cam.ac.uk>), as well as the Faculty of History.

Activities supported

The funding will be used to fund visits that will lead to:

- Joint teaching ventures (from partial team-teaching to fully co-designed and taught courses) [essential]
- Joint research collaborations [desirable]

Costs

The scheme will cover the costs of travel, visa, accommodation and subsistence pro rata for between two and four weeks. Together with our partner universities we have worked out appropriate packages for each destination. Detailed budgets are therefore not required. Successful applicants will receive full details when they receive their award.

Ineligible costs

- Direct costs of conferences, workshops and seminars
- Direct costs of research projects
- Salaries or other stipends

Eligibility

Given our aim of establishing long-lasting collaborations between Cambridge and our partner universities, the scheme is normally open to faculty members formally employed by the University only (e.g. in Cambridge UTOs).

Applicants who have achieved expected outcomes in the first phase may reapply for funding in subsequent years.

Hosting

It is important that visiting scholars are properly hosted. To that end, academic hosts and host departments should be identified at the application stage.

If you have an idea for a proposal, but do not have the appropriate contacts at the other institution, please contact the academic leads of the other institution as soon as possible who will be very happy to assist with identifying suitable partners:

- For Cambridge: Global Humanities Directors - GlobalHumanities@admin.cam.ac.uk
- Fudan: Prof Li'an LU – lalu@fudan.edu.cn
- Nanjing: Prof He Chengzhou – chengzhou@nju.edu.cn
- Ashoka: Prof Alex Watson – alex.watson@ashoka.edu.in
- Diego Portales: Prof Manuel Vicuña – manuel.vicuna@udp.cl
- AUB: Prof David Currell – dc13@aub.edu.lb
- Sabanci: Prof Meltem Muftuler-Bac - muftuler@sabanciuniv.edu

Host departments will be responsible for issuing letters of invitation for visa applications and undertaking any other standard visiting scholar arrangements and processes that may be in place in their institution. (For those hosting in Cambridge, the School will be able to offer assistance; in Cambridge fees should be waived for Global Humanities visitors.)

As a minimum, visiting scholars will be expected to give a research talk. Other activities such as organising a workshop or a small conference, writing papers, joint teaching, etc. are encouraged and will form part of the assessment of applications.

How to apply

The application form requires applicants to:

- Provide a project description which includes the intellectual rationale, objectives, and plan of activities (300 words); and a description of the longer-term benefits to both institutions (200 words).
- The title of a research talk to be given within the host department
- CV of applicant (limit of 2 pages per CV).
- Brief statement of support from applicant's department
- Brief statement of support from hosting department.

Application forms should be submitted simultaneously to: GlobalHumanities@admin.cam.ac.uk
AND as appropriate:

- Fudan: Iris - wang_ying@fudan.edu.cn
- Nanjing: Melissa - melissahu@nju.edu.cn
- Ashoka: Prof Alex Watson – alex.watson@ashoka.edu.in
- Diego Portales: Prof Manuel Vicuña – manuel.vicuna@udp.cl
- AUB: Prof David Currell – dc13@aub.edu.lb
- Sabanci: Ayşe - ayse.otenoglu@sabanciuniv.edu

The deadline for applications is 21st November 2022

Selection process and criteria

We are especially interested to fund scholars who:

- make the case for the strategic importance of the visit to the overall goals of the Global Humanities Initiative in relation to teaching and research;
- establish the basis for future collaboration;
- emphasize new connections and collaborations (where connections already exist, the application should provide information about the envisaged new directions);
- show how the collaboration might be sustained and developed beyond the term of the seed funding;
- enhance the international programming aspirations of home departments.

A committee comprising Cambridge and the respective partner universities will jointly determine which applications will be funded.

Timeline

The deadline for applications is 21 November 2022; selection committees will meet the first week of December with notifications coming soon after. Applicants should plan to spend the funds within the academic year, but we will be accommodating should timescales slip due to the ongoing pandemic. If the visit ultimately does not proceed or is shorter than applied, unspent funding should be returned to the scheme.

Reporting

As a condition of the award, each awardee will be asked to provide a brief report (up to 2 sides of A4) on the outcomes of the visit, within two months of its ending.

Reports should discuss the aims of the visit, the extent to which they have been achieved, and the expected next steps, along with a statement of expenditure.

For Cambridge applicants

Attention of applicants is drawn to the principles governing Cambridge's international engagement: <https://www.strategic-partnerships.admin.cam.ac.uk/managing-risks-international-engagement/principles-managing-international-risks>