

GLOBAL HUMANITIES TRAVEL SCHEME FUNDING CALL (ROUND 6)

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)**, **West Africa (University of Ghana)** 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 academic 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 colleagues 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** ([Home](#) | [School of Arts and Humanities](#)), and the **Faculty of History** ([Faculty of History home](#) | [Faculty of History University of Cambridge](#)) at Cambridge, and in the following network universities, faculties and departments:

- **Sabanci:** Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Sabanci University ([Homepage](#) | [Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences](#) (sabanciuniv.edu)).
- **University of Ghana:** [School of Arts](#) (Dept Archaeology and Heritage Studies, History, Philosophy & Classics, and Study of Religions).
- **AUB:** [Faculty of Arts and Sciences](#) at the American University of Beirut (AUB).
- **UDP:** Universidad Diego Portales [Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities](#), [Faculty of Communication and Literature](#), [Faculty of Architecture](#), [Arts and Design](#), [Faculty of Law](#) and [Faculty of Education](#).
- **Nanjing:** [School of Arts](#), the [School of History](#), the [Institute of Global Humanities](#) and other related schools or departments in humanities.
- **Fudan:** [Dept Chinese Language and Literature](#), [Foreign Languages and Literature](#), [History](#), [Philosophy](#), [Social Development](#), [Journalism and Public Policy](#).
- **Ashoka:** [Harish and Bina Shah School of Humanities](#), primarily English, History, Philosophy, Creative Writing, Visual Arts and Sanskrit, and also [Political Science](#) and [Anthropology/Sociology](#) at **Ashoka University**.

Eligibility

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

- **Activities supported**
 - ✓ Joint teaching ventures (from partial team-teaching to fully co-designed and taught courses)
 - ✓ Joint research collaborations

Costs

The scheme will cover the costs of travel, visa, accommodation and subsistence costs, pro rata, for visits of 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

Hosting

It is important that visiting scholars are properly hosted. To that end, applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposed visit with their host institution before applying. 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:

- ✓ **Cambridge:** Global Humanities Directors - GlobalHumanities@admin.cam.ac.uk
- ✓ **Fudan:** Prof Lian LU – la lu@fudan.edu.cn
- ✓ **Nanjing:** Prof He Chengzhou – chengzhou@nju.edu.cn
- ✓ **Ashoka:** Dr Ira Rajeev - ira.rajeev@ashoka.edu.in
- ✓ **Diego Portales:** Prof Manuel Vicuña – manuel.vicuna@udp.cl
- ✓ **AUB:** Prof Sonja Mejcher-Atassi - sm78@aub.edu.lb
- ✓ **Sabanci:** Prof Meltem Muftuler-Bac - muftuler@sabanciuniv.edu
- ✓ **Ghana:** Prof Wazi Apoh - WApoh@ug.edu.gh

Responsibilities of the Host

Hosts are expected to:

- provide academic sponsorship for the duration of the visit;
- support the development of a programme of academic activities during the visit;
- facilitate introductions to relevant colleagues and research networks;
- arrange any invitation letters required to support visa applications;
- assist visitors in accessing relevant academic resources, facilities and activities;
- support access to relevant libraries, archives, and research collections where available.

For visitors hosted at the University of Cambridge, **host departments** are also expected to:

- liaise with the relevant Faculty or Department administrator regarding the visit;
- arrange any necessary visitor or temporary access cards;
- facilitate access to University and Faculty libraries, including borrowing rights where appropriate;
- ensure that visiting scholars are integrated into the academic life of the host department.

Support from the Global Humanities Office

The Global Humanities Office provides oversight and coordination for Mobility Scheme visits and serves as a point of contact for both award holders and hosts.

The **GHI Office** can provide support with:

- guidance on visit arrangements and timelines;
- liaison with partner institutions where required;
- advice regarding travel, accommodation and expense claims;
- promotion of public-facing activities associated with the visit;
- post-award administration and reporting requirements.

The **GHI Office** does not replace local academic hosting arrangements, which remain the responsibility of the host department and academic host.

Visiting scholar fees should be waived for Global Humanities visitors hosted at the University of Cambridge.

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
- Confirmation that the proposed host has agreed in principle to support the visit

Application forms should be submitted to **Greta Mijares** at GlobalHumanities@admin.cam.ac.uk

AND as appropriate:

- ✓ **Fudan:** Iris Wang - wang_ying@fudan.edu.cn
- ✓ **Nanjing:** Hanzhang Yu - hzyu@nju.edu.cn
- ✓ **Ashoka:** Akshay Bhardwaj - akshay.bhardwaj@ashoka.edu.in
- ✓ **Diego Portales:** Felipe Alarcon – luis.alarcon@udp.cl
- ✓ **AUB:** Rita Bassil - rb81@aub.edu.lb
- ✓ **Sabanci:** Ayşe Otenoglu - ayse.otenoglu@sabanciuniv.edu
- ✓ **Ghana:** Wendy N.M. Quaye - wquaye@ug.edu.gh

The deadline for applications is 9 November 2026

Selection process and criteria

We are especially interested in funding academics 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);
- demonstrate a clear plan for sustaining the collaboration beyond the period of the visit;
- 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 selection committee will meet in the first week of December with notifications coming soon after.
- Applicants should plan to spend the funds within the academic year.
- 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 required to submit a brief **End-of-Visit Report** within two months of the completion of the visit.

The report is an important part of the Mobility Scheme and helps the Global Humanities Initiative understand the impact of the award, capture outcomes, identify future collaboration opportunities, and provide evidence for institutional reporting and future funding applications.

Awardees will receive a report template shortly after the completion of their visit.

For Cambridge applicants: Attention of applicants is drawn to the principles governing Cambridge's international engagement: [A global university | University of Cambridge](#)