

مَنْ يُؤْتِ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا

"and he to whom wisdom is granted receiveth indeed a benefit overflowing"
(Al-Baqara 2:269)

Centre for Muslim States and Societies



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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The Centre for Muslim States and Societies

School of Social and Cultural Studies

The Centre for Muslim States and Societies (CMSS) is dedicated to researching Muslim communities within liberal democracies, especially Australia, and promoting moderate voices in Islam and Muslim societies.

CMSS Visiting Fellowships 2009

The Centre is offering three Visiting Fellowships tenable at the University of Western Australia, Perth during the period 2009-2010.

Objective of the Fellowships

Fellowships will provide opportunities for men and women, and particularly the latter, who have shown outstanding achievement in their chosen field of study, to benefit from a period of independent study at the CMSS in the company of other academics.

Scope

A Fellowship can be for research and study in any area of the arts, humanities, or social sciences that has contemporary relevance to the study of Islam or the Muslim world.

Eligibility

Senior and early career researchers from any country are eligible to apply. Applicants must be scholars or writers at postdoctoral or equivalent level.

Academic affiliation is not a necessary requirement but the applicants must have a clearly defined research proposal capable of achievement during the fellowship period.

Duration

The Fellowship normally will be for a duration of *four months*.

However, if combined with external sources of funding, it could be extended for up to a *maximum of ten months*. The Fellowship must end no later than 28th February 2010.

Outcomes

The successful candidate will also be expected to participate fully in the Centre's academic activities, and achieve the following outcomes:

- i. Present at least one seminar paper on the area of research.
- ii. Produce a 15,000 words long manuscript on a selected topic to be submitted for publication through the CMSS in a peer reviewed academic journal.

Stipend

The fellowship carries a total stipend of A\$12,000 for four months, to be paid in installments after achievement of identified milestones. Any stipend beyond this term must be funded from external sources. Where necessary, an economy return airfare between Perth and the holder's home will be provided, to be booked through the UWA approved travel provider.

Facilities

Fellows will be provided with office space and access to libraries.

Application Procedure

Applications must be received by 5pm (Perth time) on **FRIDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY 2009**.

There is no application form but your application must include:

- i. A 1,000 words research proposal identifying:
 - the area of research, the main question(s) to be addressed;
 - their significance in the context of the work of the Centre;
 - a schedule of activities and milestones.
- ii. A Curriculum Vitae
- iii. Letters from a minimum of two and a maximum of three academic or professional referees.

Please submit your application by post or electronically to:

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Guidance Notes

1. Candidates for Fellowships will normally hold a doctorate although consideration will be given to the academic record and the publications of all applicants and any relevant professional or industrial work experience. Candidates should give evidence of any contact they have made with researchers at UWA and of any proposed collaboration.
2. The Centre encourages inter-disciplinary study and applications should state clearly the relationship of the proposed scheme of work to the Centre's primary aims as well as to the wider research agendas of the University.
3. Fellows are expected to be resident in Perth throughout the tenure of their Fellowship and to play a full part in the activities of the Centre. The Centre and University agencies will try to assist with finding suitable accommodation in Perth but is unable to pay accommodation costs.

4. No regular teaching is required but Fellows may have the opportunity to give research seminars in addition to the mandatory seminar required under 'Outcomes' above.
5. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that all documentation is complete, including the securing of referee letters, and arrives by the closing date. Please ensure adequate time is allowed for delivery if posted outside Australia.
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