



Vice-Chancellor and Warden

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Dear Professor Angkasith

2012/13 Fellowship Opportunity at Durham University's Institute of Advanced Study

I am writing to you in my capacity as Vice-Chancellor of Durham University to remind you of the prestigious funded fellowship scheme at our Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) that is open to the most creative and accomplished scholars from all over the world.

The Durham IAS is an ideas-based institute launched in October 2006 as a forum for high-level inter- and multi-disciplinary debate on major themes. The aim of the Institute is to produce new thinking about ideas that change the world through dialogue among and between scholars and intellectuals in different disciplines, and to communicate this thinking to the wider academic community, policymakers and the public in general. At its core lies a generously funded UK and international fellowship programme. It allows the IAS to gather together the world's finest scholars and non-academics from the full spectrum of science, social science, arts and humanities disciplines to address themes of global significance.

We are very keen that the Institute's fellowship programme attracts the very best scholars from across the world and hence I am writing to you directly to request that you draw this opportunity to the attention of your colleagues. Each fellowship bestows its recipient with an honorarium (£2,500), a travel allowance, accommodation, and money to buy out them out from their teaching if this is necessary in order for them to be able to accept the fellowship (up to £8,000).

There are up to 20 fellowships available and each is for a three month period (either October-December 2012 or January-March 2013) and most, but not all, will be awarded to individuals whose research provides the best fit with the Institute's annual theme. During their stay, in addition to pursuing their research, fellows are required to engage with each other and with staff at Durham, deliver a public lecture and an IAS seminar, and work on an IAS web-based publication of circa 5,000 words.

The Institute's annual theme for 2012-13 will be 'Time'. This is a theme with significant interdisciplinary possibilities. A few examples of research strands that are emerging at Durham in relation to the theme are as follows. Mathematicians and physicists propose to study the nature and geometry of time, giving emphasis to string theory; arts and humanities scholars will be leading explorations of the role played by narrative in our understanding of time; and there will also be significant work, too, on scaling time, interpreting it as the dimension in which cultures and religions conceptualise the recurrent and changing meanings of existence, and as the medium through which archaeologists, historians and anthropologists relate the present to the past. Art's role in reshaping time according to its own imaginative and aesthetic laws is also likely to be studied.

Professor Christopher F. Higgins PhD FRSE FRSA FMcdSci The University Office Old Elvet Durham DH1 3HP UK We think this theme will be of great interest to a wide range of scholars from across all disciplines. Applications for the 2012/13 fellowships are welcome from 26 April 2011; the closing date for applications is 12 June 2011.

I enclose the full details of the 2012/13 fellowship scheme with this letter but if you require an electronic copy of this documentation then please email enquiries.ias@dur.ac.uk. Alternatively, full details can be obtained by your colleagues from the Institute's website: http://www.dur.ac.uk/ias/fellows/apply/. I am also enclosing, for your information, a copy of the Institute's current annual programme for its 2010-11 'Futures' theme.

I do hope you will encourage your colleagues to apply to the 2012/13 IAS Fellowship scheme.

Yours faithfully,

Professor Chris Higgins Vice-Chancellor and Warden

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How to Apply

✓ Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants of any nationality are eligible to apply
- Applicants from any discipline are eligible to apply
- Applicants may come from an academic or non-academic background (e.g. public intellectuals, artists, writers, film makers, journalists, policy makers, politicians)
- Applicants should either be mid/late career scholars and non-academics who have an established international reputation for research leadership or public impact or early/mid-career individuals with an emerging international reputation who are beginning to shape the agenda in their field.
 - Applicants must submit a complete application as described in the Application
 - Applicants must agree to the conditions of the IAS Fellowships as described in the Further Particulars

Application Procedures

To apply for an IAS fellowship you will need to submit the following application materials:

- A letter of application
- A Curriculum Vitae/ Résumé
- Two references (at least one to be external to Durham)
- Fellowship proposal

Letter of Application

In your letter of application you should make it clear the period that you would like to spend at Durham (October-December 2012 OR January-March 2013 OR either period).

If a teaching buy-out or a contribution towards a loss of earnings is requested a costing must be included with your application. Note that this cannot be done retrospectively (i.e. once an offer of a Fellowship has been made) so please consult with your home institution prior to

We normally offer teaching buy-out costs at a pro-rata rate at junior replacement level, up to £8,000 (for the full three month period or pro rata for shorter stays). In due course, should the IAS offer you a fellowship, a letter from your home institution will be required supporting this claim. The costs of salaried fellows will be paid directly to their home institutions, while fellows who are self-employed will be paid directly.

It is intended that decisions will be announced in writing by the end of September 2011. Applicants are normally informed of the outcome of their application by letter, unless they request this information to be relayed by email. The Directors reserve the right to invite Fellows to join the IAS; however, they will award a minimum number of Fellowships through

Closing Date

The closing date for applications to the IAS Fellowship scheme is Sunday 12 June 2011.

Please email your application to the IAS Administrator, Catherine Paine, by no later than Sunday 12 June 2011, quoting the reference number from the Fellowship advertisement.

Email: catherine.paine@durham.ac.uk

Tel: +44(0)191 3342589 Fax: +44(0)191 3344699

Should you wish to discuss informally matters relating to the IAS Fellowships in general please contact Catherine Paine or the Acting Executive Director, Professor Michael O'Neill (m.s.o'neill@durham.ac.uk). The other Directors (Professor Colin Bain, Chemistry and Professor Tony Wilkinson, Archaeology) are also available for informal consultation.

Fulbright Scholars

The IAS also hosts one Fulbright Scholar per year (January-March period only) in connection with its annual theme. US citizens who wish to apply for a Fulbright Scholar Award at the Durham IAS should apply directly to the Fulbright Commission: www.fulbright.co.uk/fulbright-awards/for-us-citizens/scholars-and-fellows-awards/durhamuniversity-scholar-award. Please note that the Fulbright operates a different set of deadlines for applications to the IAS Fellowship scheme.