

International Fellowships

1. Introduction

“Connecting academic communities around the world”

The Open University Business School is dedicated to the development of practice-based learning in the field of management and professional education.

Our world class learning approach takes business, management and legal education into the very heart of professional practice, enriched by a worldwide network of partnerships, and underpinned by leading edge research and a deep understanding of how professionals learn and develop their practice.

We are one of just 41 Business Schools worldwide with triple accreditation from [EQUIS](#), [AACSB](#) and [AMBA](#).

Academics and practitioners in all countries, particularly from developing countries and newly emerging economies, are invited to apply for a Fellowship to undertake a project (normally 3 to 6 months) at The Open University Business School in Milton Keynes, United Kingdom.

The selection panel welcomes a wide variety of proposals, including:

- Research
- Training and Development
- Academic Exchange
- Course Development and Writing

Applications are particularly welcome for projects focusing on various aspects of our learning and teaching design and which support our practice-based open learning model.

At this time we particularly welcome proposals that would contribute to the process of redesigning our Global MBA (Master of Business Administration) and support our work on international management learning and practice.

The deadline for 2010 applications is under review. Please [contact our Fellowship Office](#) for further information.

2. Criteria

Proposals should demonstrate that they meet the following criteria:

1. Objectives & Outcomes:
 - Clear statement of objectives and outcomes for the project.
 - Potential benefits for the applicant's learning and their own institution.
 - Potential benefits to The Open University Business School and the relationship between the School and the applicant's home institution, particularly those that complement the international priorities pursued by the School.
 - Outcomes achievable in the time proposed for the Fellowship, including an approximate timetable for the project.
2. Candidate's interest in educational technologies, principles and practice in open, online and distance education, and/or an area of The Open University Business School's research;
3. Potential to contribute to The Open University Business School's international activity by:
 - Contributing to the School's research and/or teaching;
 - Working alongside the School's academics and/or administrators;
 - Offering one or more seminar/workshop on the work undertaken, including a seminar at the end;
 - Commitment to participating in the evaluation of the Fellowship awarded and the Fellowship Programme.

3. Fellowship Outputs

Participants will be expected to provide formal feedback during and after the Fellowship to help towards future development of the Fellowship Programme. This will include a completion of an evaluation questionnaire to comment on specific areas of the Fellowship and a peer panel review where the individual will be asked to present the outcome of the Fellowship, mapped to the aims set out in the initial proposal. Fellows will also be expected to offer and participate in other seminars/workshops as appropriate.

4. Funding and Support

Successful applicants will have their international travel, accommodation and daily living expenses (excluding meals) paid for the duration of the Fellowship.

Each Fellowship provides the following:

- Cost of economy return air travel and reasonable expenses from successful applicants' home country.
- A monthly subsistence allowance for the duration of the Fellowship.
- Allowance for work-associated local travel.
- During their residence, Fellows will be supported by staff from The Open University Business School and the wider Open University.

5. Selection Process

Eligibility to apply

Consideration will only be given to applications that meet all of the following criteria:

- Candidates should be permanently resident outside the United Kingdom and normally not United Kingdom nationals. They must be graduates, holding a permanent post at an accredited university or engaged in the formation and delivery of educational policy.
- Applicants from countries where English is not the first language should present evidence of proficiency in English equivalent to IELTS 7.0 or ToEFL 260 (computer), 620 (paper). Applicants must present verifiable evidence of their English proficiency if requested.
- Candidates must receive an approval from their own institution to be released for the period of the Fellowship.
- Candidates must agree to work within the frame of The Open University's [mission and values](#) and, if appropriate, [The Code of Practice for Research](#).
- Fellowships cannot be awarded to applicants who are not fit for international travel or have any medical condition (e.g. infectious diseases) that may require urgent treatment.

Please note that there is a time limit on Fellowship Offer. Once a successful applicant has been offered a place, they will normally be expected to start their fellowship within 6-12 months of the stated offer date. Places can only be held open for applicants beyond that time in exceptional circumstances.

6. How to apply

Each applicant must submit the following documents:

1. Fellowship Application Form

[Fellowship Application Form](#) (Microsoft Word)

2. Fellowship Synopsis

Candidates must attach a synopsis (**no more than 500 words**) of the project or other assignment which she/he proposes to undertake at The Open University Business School. The synopsis should show:

Research Project:

- the topic or area to be investigated
- clear objectives and outcomes for the project
- the methods and techniques to be used in the project
- the relationship of the proposed project to the published literature and current work or research in your field, and an indication of the contribution the project would make
- details of work the candidate has already done in the proposed field
- contribution to the candidate's own institution and The Open University Business School
- any other information that might help us assess the proposal

Training & Development, Academic Exchange, Course Development & Writing:

- the topic or area to be investigated
- the rationale for undertaking the project
- clear objectives and outcomes for the project
- contribution to the candidate's own institution and The Open University Business School
- any other information that might help us assess the proposal

3. References

Candidates must submit with their application at least two academic references from referees who can provide informed views of both the candidate and the work which she/he proposes to undertake at The Open University Business School.

7. Selection Panel and Deadlines

Applications may be submitted at any time. The panel of senior academic and academic-related members of The Open University Business School will meet twice a year, in October and April, to award Fellowships.

The deadline for 2010 submissions is under review. Please [contact our Fellowship Office](#) for further information.

If you would like to be notified about future rounds of applications please [contact us by email](#).

Contact Details

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