

OPEN Policy Fellowships - Up to £25K



Call for Expressions of Interest – Deadline: 20 July 2018, 5pm

Applications are welcomed from University of Oxford researchers from any discipline

Introduction

Expressions of Interest are sought for a new University-wide competitive knowledge exchange scheme to support the development of mutually beneficial partnerships between researchers and policymakers. The Fellowships are supported by OPEN - the Oxford Policy Exchange Network, a new University initiative designed to support policy engagement.

As governments come under increasing pressure for political accountability, there is an increased demand for evidence-based policy derived from the insights of 'expert' research. The aims of this Fellowship scheme are:

- To build partnerships with a view to shaping the policy agenda in global, national, and regional contexts
- To improve or support evidence-based policymaking
- To develop and sustain strategic relationships with key policymakers
- To improve and diversify the breadth of policy engagement at Oxford through policy partnerships

Fellowship proposals **could take several forms, including (but not limited to):**

- developing new and growing existing relationships with policymakers
- exploring possibilities for collaboration
- developing partnerships with policymakers
- co-designing projects that answer policy problems
- co-developing research questions and potential new research proposals

Fellowships can be outgoing (researchers spending time with an external organisation related to policy) **or incoming** (with policymakers spending time at Oxford) **or a mutual exchange**. Fellowship holders will receive peer support and guidance before, throughout, and after the project as part of a cohort of Fellows.

Partners

Public policy partners could include:

- Local authorities and regional policymakers
- National level policymakers – UK or overseas
- International and intergovernmental bodies
- Think tanks
- Lobby groups
- Regulators
- Third sector policy-related organisations
- Public sector bodies

Please note – if you are interested in changing business policy, we have a separate scheme for [Business and Industry KE Fellowships](#) which would be the more appropriate scheme (only open to Social Science researchers).

Funding

There is a total of £100K available for this scheme.

- The maximum amount per Fellowship award is £25K.
- Funding can be spent between 01 October 2018 and 31 July 2019. No extensions will be possible.
- This funding is not for primary research.

How to apply

Applicants should complete the [Expression of Interest \(EOI\) application form](#) and return this via their departmental research support officer/facilitator to impact@socsci.ox.ac.uk by **5pm on 20 July 2018**.

After an initial review, researchers will be invited to submit full-stage applications, which will be due in September 2018.

Support

If you would like support with developing an application, or have any queries about the scheme, please contact impact@socsci.ox.ac.uk.