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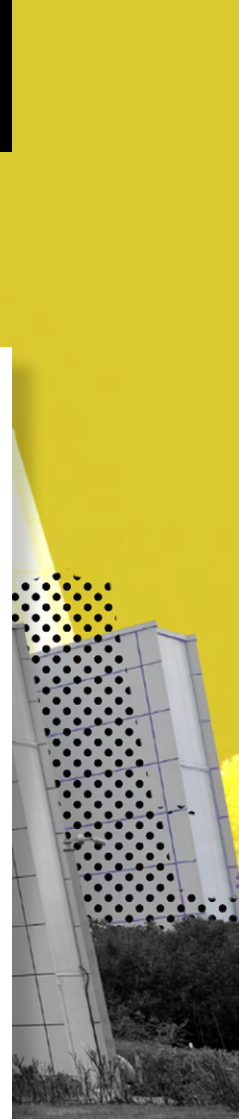
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THE **LAING** FELLOWSHIP

The Laing Fellowship is a prestigious visiting fellowship scheme designed to bring distinguished academics from international universities to the University of Northampton (UON) for a six week stay during the summer months (end of July to beginning of September). This Fellowship offers a unique opportunity for scholars to immerse themselves in a vibrant academic environment, engage in scholarly exchange, and access world-class research resources.



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**WHY CHOOSE THE
LAING FELLOWSHIP?**

ENHANCE YOUR RESEARCH

Gain unparalleled access to key academic resources in the United Kingdom, including the Bodleian Library, the British Library, and the National Archives. Scholars will have the opportunity to delve into extensive collections and archives that are pivotal for ground-breaking research.

COLLABORATE AND NETWORK

Strengthen relationships with University of Northampton researchers and other international academics. The Fellowship fosters a collaborative environment where scholars can share ideas, engage in interdisciplinary discussions, and build lasting professional connections. It is hoped that through the Fellowship, collaborative research outputs and funding bids might result.

CONTRIBUTE TO ACADEMIC LIFE

Deliver seminar presentations, engage in departmental discussions, and participate in university activities. Fellows will have the chance to contribute to the intellectual life of the university, enriching both their own research and the academic community.



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**FELLOWSHIP
BENEFITS**

AFFILIATE STATUS

Enjoy full access to the University's facilities and research infrastructure. Fellows will be granted affiliate status, allowing them to utilise the university's extensive resources, including libraries, research centres, and academic support services.

ACCOMMODATION & RESOURCES

Residential facilities provided, along with full access to university libraries, archives, and research centres. Fellows will be accommodated in comfortable residential facilities, ensuring a conducive environment for research and study.

ACADEMIC PARTICIPATION

Fellows will deliver seminar presentations and engage in departmental and institutional activities. This active participation will provide valuable opportunities for professional development and academic engagement.

LOCATION

The University of Northampton is situated in an excellent location to provide a unique base for researchers of humanities subjects. It is one hour away from London for instance, and there are lots of libraries and archives in the nearby vicinity (supported by convenient transport links) which offer excellent resources and material to scholars.

**ARCHIVES &
RESOURCES**

RESEARCH

BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham's collections spotlight the city's industrial, literary, and cultural legacy—featuring Shakespeare, social history, and the nationally significant Black Country archives.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A hub for regional heritage, Northamptonshire offers rich archives on anti-fascism, industry, healthcare, and military history—ideal for researchers exploring local identity and social change.

OXFORD

Oxford's Bodleian Libraries provide a vast academic treasure trove, with millions of items and rare collections supporting world-class research across disciplines.

LONDON

Home to world-leading archives and libraries, London offers unparalleled access to national records, specialist collections, and diverse cultural histories spanning centuries.



[View the full list archives & collections available online.](#)

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

The Laing Fellowship is open to academics in all humanities disciplines from international institutions. Fellows will stay for six weeks from the end of July and will be granted affiliate status as well as the title 'Laing Fellow', affording them full access to the University's facilities and research infrastructure.

To be eligible you must be employed by another Higher Education Institution. You will also be expected to hold a PhD or equivalent.

You cannot be in receipt of a salary or fee from UON during the period of the Fellowship*. There should be a specific link between your research interests and those of one or more individuals within Humanities disciplines at the UON.

Application

A full application consists of the following elements which should be attached and uploaded via a single Microsoft form:

- A brief description of proposed research (up to 1000 words)
- Samples of publications, if available (a maximum of two)
- A current curriculum vitae
- Two letters of recommendation (signed and dated) from persons familiar with the applicant's work (please note it is the responsibility of the applicant to seek include these).

* This fellowship is offered on an unpaid basis and is open to international candidates. Visas and travel permissions (for example under the academic visitor or travel route) are the responsibility of the applicants to obtain, ensuring compliance with relevant UK immigration regulations.

Fees

With accommodation

There will be a bench fee of £2,440 for fellowships to cover the cost of on-campus accommodation (breakfast and lunch provided on weekdays) and administrative costs to the University associated with the visit.

The accommodation for the Fellows (between 8-10 Fellows per annum across different Humanities subjects) will be a cluster flat on the Waterside Campus where Fellows will be able to network and socialise with each other.

Without accommodation

If no accommodation is needed, the bench fee charged is just £250.

SELECTION PROCESS

All eligible applications will be considered by UON's Laing Fellowship Selection Committee, through screening, short-listing and selection stages. Outcomes are generally notified by early March.

At the short-listing stage applicants may be contacted to verify that they are still interested in pursuing their application and that they have the financial means to take up their award if selected.

The criteria for selection of Visiting Fellows are:

- Evidence of academic excellence including quality of publications
- Relevance of the proposed research to the overall aims and current academic research priorities of Humanities disciplines at UON
- Potential to contribute to and benefit from interdisciplinary interaction with other academic and professional services colleagues at UON as well as other Laing Fellows and academic visitors to the university.

START YOUR RESEARCH JOURNEY

Elevate your research, expand your academic network, and experience the rich academic culture at the University of Northampton. Apply now for the Laing Fellowship and be part of a transformative journey. **For more information and to apply, visit our website.**

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