Visiting Fellowships and Scholarships
2020-21

1 The Institute of Modern Languages Research
The Institute’s aim is to promote and facilitate high-quality research in modern languages, making it available to the widest possible audience both inside and outside the academic community. The Institute’s main areas of activity are:
- Events (conferences, workshops, lectures, readings, and seminars)
- Publications (imlr books, the Germanic Studies series, Bithell Series of Dissertations, Bithell Memorial Lectures, Miller Memorial Lectures, Journal of Romance Studies)
- Research collaborations and networks
- Research training and the supervision of research students
- Post-doctoral research and Visiting Fellowships

2 Visiting Fellowships and Scholarships at the IMLR
Visiting Fellowships and Visiting Scholarships are available on a non-stipendiary basis in all the fields of research covered by the Institute, as well as in interdisciplinary domains touching on the humanities. Applications in comparative and cultural studies are particularly welcome. Non-stipendiary Fellowships/Scholarships can be held within one of the Institute’s six research centres:
- Centre for the Study of Cultural Memory
- Centre for the Study of Contemporary Women’s Writing
- Ingeborg Bachmann Centre for Austrian Literature
- Research Centre for German and Austrian Exile Studies
- Centre for Quebec and French-Canadian Studies
- Ernst Bloch Centre for German Thought

The Fellowships are open to applicants from the UK and overseas. Applicants for Visiting Fellowships should have completed their doctorate and have a strong publications record. Doctoral students may apply for Visiting Scholarships using the same application procedure.

3 Tenure
Fellowships are tenable for any period from one to ten months between 1 September 2020 and 30 June 2021. Extensions to the original period of the fellowship may be possible, but will be subject to the same terms.

4 What the Institute offers
The Institute can offer office accommodation shared with other Fellows, with wifi, internet, email account, photocopying/printing facilities, and access to the University of London’s Senate House Library, where the holdings in Germanic Studies and Latin American Studies are world class. Senate House Library has a substantial collection of books, journals, online resources, theses and archives in all the Modern Languages fields. Fellows can access the libraries of the other Institutes that make up the School of Advanced Study: Advanced Legal Studies, Classical Studies, Commonwealth Studies, Historical Research, Latin-American Studies, and the Warburg. Fellows are offered free access to all the Institute’s events and are expected to participate as much as possible in the intellectual life of the Institute. Fellows/Scholars in receipt of external sponsorship are asked to pay a bench fee of £100 per month.
5 Requirements
Fellows/Scholars contribute to and enhance the scholarly activity of the Institute and the School of Advanced Study. In addition to presenting current work as a seminar or as part of a larger conference, Fellows/Scholars are invited to organise an event either during or resulting from their stay, or otherwise contribute to the work of the Institute. Fellows/Scholars are invited to place a recent, normally unpublished, piece of work in our free open access repository SAS-Space, and to contribute to the IMLR blog, Living Languages. Publications resulting from research conducted during the tenure of the Fellowship must acknowledge the Institute and, where appropriate, a copy should be deposited in Senate House Library or with the Institute Director. At the end of the tenure period, Fellows/Scholars must produce a short report on the activities undertaken at the Institute and progress made in their research.

6 Accommodation
Living accommodation is not provided and Fellows should make their own arrangements. A list of hotels and guest houses is available on our website, and the University of London Accommodation office may also be able to assist.

7 Visas
Fellows that do not have the right to reside and/or study in the UK will require a visa and must ascertain what category of visa is most suitable for them.

The University of London is licensed to issue certificates of sponsorship for Tier 5 Government Authorised Exchange visas. Further details of this category of visa are available on the UKVI website here. If Fellows require entry under a Tier 5 GAE visa, they should make this known in their chosen fellowship application. The Institute can then liaise with the University HR department to make the necessary arrangements – please note that successful applicants will be required to submit a COS application form along with copies of their passport and necessary qualifications in order for the COS application to be made. Once the certificate is granted, the applicant can then use this to apply for their visa application via the relevant local embassy. Further details of visa categories can be found on the UKVI website here.

8 Method of Application
Applicants must submit the attached application form by the deadline of 10 May 2020 together with:

• a statement detailing your research project and intended outputs (no longer than 1,500 words)
• a statement outlining the ways in which you would contribute to the work of the Institute (500 words)
• a curriculum vitae (no longer than 2 pp)
• a publications list (not more than 2 pp)

You must also arrange for two academic references specific to the Fellowship/Scholarship application to be sent by the closing date, direct from the referee, to Cathy Collins, Institute Manager, IMLR (cathy.collins@sas.ac.uk).

Interviews will not be held and applicants will be notified of the result of the competition by the end of June 2020.

9 Closing Date
The closing date for receipt of applications and references is 10 May 2020.