

CURA SHORT-VISITING FELLOWSHIP SCHEME GUIDANCE

The Centre for Urban Research on Austerity, De Montfort University, is pleased to announce its Short-Visiting Fellowship scheme for the academic year 2019-20

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About the Visiting Fellowship Scheme

The scheme aims to:

- Provide support to early career scholars from across the globe with relevant subject expertise to pursue innovative and interdisciplinary research
- Develop networks with outstanding early career researchers
- Facilitate collaboration with senior academic staff and early career researchers

The scheme is open to early career researchers (with a PhD award letter).

Applications are welcome from outstanding candidates wishing to develop a project of empirical research and conceptual innovation in CURA's areas of interest.

Particularly we welcome candidates who have peer-reviewed journal publications or/and can demonstrate a significant engagement in knowledge exchange activities relating to their research.

The scheme offers funding for a short visit to CURA (ca. 2 weeks or equivalent) and applicants may request funding for up to £1,500 to support travel and subsistence expenses for the duration of the visit. Fellows shall comply with DMU staff travel policies (<https://demontfortuniversity.sharepoint.com/sites/DMUHome/org/SIPS/Pages/Staff-Travel-Guidance.aspx>)

Responsibilities of CURA Short-Visiting Fellows

- To explore avenues for further research collaborations with CURA (idea for post-doctoral proposal or another academic activity)
- To deliver a seminar to academic staff and research students
- To write a blogpost for CURA website on the applicant's research
- To observe the policies, procedures and processes of CURA and De Montfort University, including but not limited health and safety, travel, equality and diversity. Copies of such policies and appropriate guidance will be available to Fellows upon arrival to CURA.

Facilities available to Fellows

Fellows will have access to shared office space (including: email/internet, stationary, printing, photocopying for research-related purposes) and a mentor to work alongside the visit.

Entry to the UK

DMU will provide a letter of invitation to successful candidates on request. Successful candidates are responsible for fulfilling UK entry visa requirements.

Method of application

Applicants must submit their following documents to valeria.guarneros@dmu.ac.uk by 2 December 2019:

- Short CV – including information about qualifications, stand-out academic achievements, publications, current or recent funded research and/or knowledge exchange activities undertaken.
- Application form (link to form here) including an outline proposal for the fellowship that could also form the basis for longer-term collaborations (max. 600 words)
- One Reference – normally from PhD supervisor

Assessment criteria

- Academic excellence and research potential of the applicant
- Fit with research excellence and expertise within CURA
- Extent to which the applicant can demonstrate ideas to contribute to the development of CURA

Applications will be considered by an Internal Selection Panel. Applicants will be notified of the outcome within 2 weeks of submission. Informal queries can be directed to valeria.guarneros@dmu.ac.uk