

AfOx Fellowship Guide for Fellows



About the Fellowship

The Africa Oxford Initiative (AfOx) <u>Visiting Fellows Program</u> enhances academic mobility and network building. This programme has enabled over <u>90 visiting fellows</u> to pursue their research while engaging with researchers, students, institutes and departments in Oxford. AfOx fellows have developed long-term partnerships with colleagues in Oxford, which have led to significant research outcomes, including joint publications, new research projects, breakthroughs in engagement with African policy-makers and substantial research funding.

We welcome applications from all academic disciplines and strongly encourage applications from female and underrepresented researchers. AfOx Visiting Fellows are affiliated with the University of Oxford for 12 months, including ten months of virtual online engagement and a two month in-person visit to Oxford in May and June (Trinity term).

While in Oxford, AfOx provides fellows with:

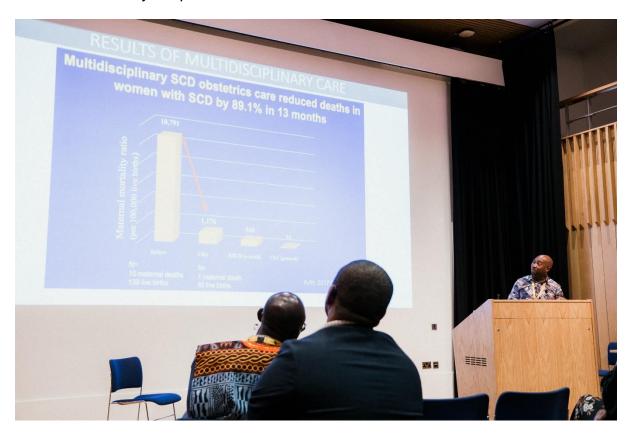
- accommodation,
- a return economy flight,
- a maintenance allowance for living expenses (up to £250 per week during the residence period).
- a University card.
- support throughout the fellowship, including facilitating access to online training and resources

Making an Application

Applications are open across all research fields, and applicants are expected to:

- submit a proposal of no more than 1000 words
- an updated CV
- The Oxford host will be required to send a statement of support indicating their willingness to be the academic collaborator during the fellowship.

All applications are submitted through the application portal. Please note that applications sent without the consent and support letter from the proposed Oxford host will be immediately disqualified.



Finding an Oxford Collaborator

To apply for a fellowship all applicants must have an Oxford-based researcher named as their collaborator on their application. This may be a researcher with whom the applicant already has established links or, alternatively, someone with whom they are interested in establishing a collaborative relationship. You can the AfOx Researcher



<u>Database</u> and <u>Oxford University departmental websites</u> for potential collaborators and contact them before making the application. Please agree with your Oxford host on the proposed project before making the application. The Oxford collaborators is expected to host the fellows in their respective department including providing support during the fellowship to engage with researchers, networks and departments in Oxford and beyond.

If developing new relationships with colleagues in Oxford, we suggest you contact them well ahead of the application deadline;

- Introducing yourself and the AfOx fellowship you are applying for.
- Include a paragraph outlining your proposed project
- Explain how this intersects with your proposed collaborator's research interests.

Researchers are often extremely busy managing competing priorities. So, if someone is unable to collaborate with you or you do not receive a reply after sending two emails, we suggest you explore other potential collaborators.

Africa Oxford Initiative

AfOx is a cross-university platform based at the University of Oxford with the aim of facilitating equitable and sustainable collaborations between researchers based at the University of Oxford and African universities,

