

Urban Studies Foundation (USF) International Fellowship for Early to Mid-Career Urban Scholars from the Global South

Further Particulars

The Urban Studies Foundation (USF) is delighted to announce a further round of its fellowship programme enabling early to mid-career urban scholars working in a university or other research institution in the global south to take an extended sabbatical (3-9 months) in a university or other academically-accredited institution in the global north or global south (facilitating south-south exchange). Preference may be given to candidates from least or low-income countries but middle-income developing countries are not excluded if the need for support is justified. See OECD list: <http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/documentupload/DAC%20List%20of%20ODA%20Recipients%202014%20final.pdf>).

The purpose of the fellowship is to expand theoretical and empirical understanding of the major social, economic, political and other problems associated with the rapid processes of urban growth in the global south. The programme is designed to give scope to the exchange of ideas between urban scholars working in the global north and south or across different national contexts in the global south. Particular importance is attached to the identification and willingness of a suitably established urban scholar working within a northern or southern institution to act as a mentor of the fellow.

Purpose of the Fellowship

- To foster collaboration between an emerging researcher from the global south and a suitable and experienced urban researcher in either the global north or global south.
- To develop and publish high-quality research on a topic that makes a significant contribution to the study of urbanization in the global south. It is anticipated that the work undertaken might be of a largely theoretical nature or focused on the analysis and conceptual development of empirically-based research for which the data has *already been collected*. The Fellowship is not designed primarily for the support of primary data collection. Research centring on issues related to governance, planning and social equity, policy, critical theory, uneven development, and urban sustainability are particularly welcome, but proposals embracing other urban topics and issues are encouraged.
- To strengthen the international profile and career path of the Fellow.

Criteria for appointment of the Fellow

- PhD in a relevant subject awarded within the last 5 years. Relevant disciplines include geography, political science, economics, sociology, cultural studies, demography and planning though this list is not exhaustive.
- Originality and the quality of the proposed sabbatical research.
- Reasonable proposed budget.
- Previous academic achievements. Applicants will need to provide evidence of their achievements to date, e.g., publishing papers, giving papers at (international) conferences.
- Currently resident in a country in the Global South and have an affiliation with a university or other higher education institution there (e.g. as a lecturer, fellow or research associate).
- A national of a country belonging to the Global South.

Expectations relating to the mentor and the host institution

- The mentor should be ideally a scholar with a strong track record of research excellence in urban studies and relevant mentoring experience.
- It is anticipated that the mentor will be willing to assist the progress of the Fellow to ensure that s/he is able to fully realise his/her writing ambitions during the sabbatical period, possibly followed by jointly authored publications. A small budget will be made available for the mentor to assist the Fellow reach her/his intended research programme aims (e.g. to attend a suitable conference with the Fellow) should this be appropriate.
- There should be a match or a clear compatibility of research interests between the Fellow and mentor.
- There should be a suitable research environment in the host institution to stimulate and support the Fellow's research.

Method of Application

Completed applications must be submitted electronically to USF Director of Operations, Neil Gray (neil.gray@glasgow.ac.uk), no later than **28 April 2017**. The application must include:

- an outline of the planned research, demonstrating its originality, rigour and value to the field of urban studies [1200 words max]
- a statement of the intended form of research output (e.g. articles [specify target journals], a monograph, etc.) [300 words max]
- designation of the northern or southern institution where the fellowship will be pursued and reasons for its selection [300 words max]
- the name of the urban scholar at that institution willing to act as mentor to the fellow during the fellowship and a statement of how his/her expertise will support and facilitate the proposed research [300 words max]
- draft budget listing main research, travel and living cost items for the fellow. (Living costs should not exceed £2000 per month.)
- a 3-page CV listing academic achievements and publications
- a letter from the prospective mentor stating willingness to act as a mentor to the fellow and indicating the suitability of the host institution for the proposed sabbatical study
- a short CV from the mentor, preferably including any previous mentoring experience if applicable.
- names of two academic referees

Candidates wishing to discuss their application informally should contact Neil Gray (neil.gray@glasgow.ac.uk) in the first instance.