

Visiting Scholar Scheme 2025/26

Application guidance for Postgraduate Research Students

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Before completing the application form

Securing a sponsor

The Visiting Scholar Scheme is an annual scheme, the next deadline is **5pm, Friday 31 January 2025** for visits taking place in 2025/26.

If you wish to apply to come to the Hong Kong History Centre as a visiting student, you must first secure the agreement of one of the Centre's Co-Directors who will act as your sponsor for the duration of your visit.

Information about the Centre's Co-Directors ([Prof. Robert Bickers](#), [Dr. Vivian Kong](#), or [Prof. Ray Yep](#)) can be viewed [here](#).

Please identify a sponsor who aligns best with your research interests and contact them directly on the email addresses provided above to initially propose your research project and visit dates, if they agree that your visit would be mutually beneficial, please complete the [application form](#) (instructions below) and send to hkhhistory-centre@bristol.ac.uk along with the following documents:

a PDF of your CV (max. 2 sides of A4)

A supporting statement from your supervisor in your home institution



Application form guidance

Section A: Applicant details and proposed visit

In this section you need to provide details of your proposed visit, including the visit dates, project title and details of your academic sponsor. Visits are for up to two months and should be a continuous visit based in Bristol. Please note that a visit must be planned between September and June, as opportunities for interaction will not be maximized during the summer break (July and August) as there will be no lectures or talks taking place and it is more likely that staff will be away from the University

Section B: Project summary

Please use this section to describe the research you will be working on during your visit to the Centre, including brief details of proposed research questions, methodology, timetable and outcomes. We are keen to hear how your visit will contribute to the Hong Kong History Centre's research and the interests of individual members of staff and the Centre's postgraduate community.

Please complete the section with a 500-word outline of your proposed research at Bristol indicating the reasons for requesting visiting postgraduate researcher status, including current PhD project, goals and expected outcomes of your visit.

It is a requirement of the scheme that visiting research students are involved in HKHC activities and we encourage you to give a Centre-specific presentation or activity, this should be discussed with your sponsor.

There will be opportunities to give a presentations at the HKHC's Speaker Series and History Salons (aimed at a non-academic audience). You can read more about the School of Humanities research areas on its [Research webpage](#), the [Faculty's webpage](#) also has information on Faculty research groups and centres as well as the University's Research Institutes and Specialist Research Institutes.

Section C: Funding

The total cost applied for from this scheme must not exceed £3,000 for one month and up to £5,000 for two months.

Applicants should complete this section with itemised costs in GBP. Please use xe.com for currency conversion, where applicable.

Travel Costs: Allowable expenses include return economy airfare, UK transfer from/to airport, visa costs and insurance. An itemised breakdown must be provided including details of different transport modes.

Accommodation costs: Details should be provided (i.e. duration and rate). The [University's short term lettings](#) page provides some suggested links to accommodation, please note that accommodation in Bristol can be expensive and gets booked up quickly, if your application is successful we would advise securing your accommodation as soon as possible.



Subsistence: will be paid at £25 p/day, £175 p/week, please cost this into your application depending on the duration of your visit.

Additional sources of funding: please provide details of any additional funding that you have secured to support your visit, if no other applications are being made, please enter 'N/A'.

Post-Award Requirements

Please be aware that it is a condition of funding that all visitors complete an End of Award Report Form within four weeks of the award end date.

We encourage visitors to get in touch with us to let us know about any outcomes or impacts which have arisen as a result of their visit at any time, which we can either include in our reporting and/or help you to promote through our quarterly newsletter and/or other channels.

All award holders are required to produce a post for the Centre's website during or shortly after their visit. This can be on any topic related to the visit, from reporting academic developments achieved through the collaborative visit to more informal reflections on the benefits of international collaboration with the Centre.

Assessment Process

Applications will be assessed by the Centre's Co-Directors and selection will be based on the identified synergies of the Centre and the proposed project along with the applicants track record as evidenced by their CV.

Please note that a good standard of English is essential.

If successful you will receive a letter confirming your place as a 'Visiting Postgraduate Research Student' and the dates of your intended stay within 4 weeks of the application deadline.