



Visiting Scholar Scheme 2025/26

Application guidance for Research Associates

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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.

Before applying you will need to secure potential sponsorship from one of the Co-Directors of the Hong Kong History Centre ([Prof. Robert Bickers](#), [Dr. Vivian Kong](#), or [Prof. Ray Yep](#)).

Information about the Centre's Co-Directors can be viewed [here](#).

Please identify a sponsor and contact them to initially propose your research project, if a sponsor agrees that your visit would be mutually beneficial, please download and complete the [application form](#) using the guidance below and send to hkhhistory-centre@bristol.ac.uk along with a PDF of your CV (max. 2 sides of A4) by the 31 January 2025.

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 one month and should be a continuous visit based in Bristol, visit dates must be planned between September and June, as opportunities for interaction will not be maximised during the University's summer break (July and August) as there will be no lectures or talks taking place and staff will be on annual leave.

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, the interests of individual members of staff and the Centre's postgraduate community.

It is a requirement of the scheme that visitors are involved with HKHC activities, as a minimum we ask that visiting Research Associates give a Centre-specific talk or activity, as well as a talk that will have wider appeal across the School of Humanities and even the Faculty of Arts, Law and Social Sciences if appropriate. Please list suggested talks and activities in the table provided and consider the potential wider appeal of your proposed activity, please view the links below in order to help you identify what other groups and subject areas your talk might appeal to.

There are opportunities to give presentations and talks at the HKHC's Speaker Series and History Salons (aimed at a non-academic audience), as well as the wider Departmental Asian History Seminars and History Department seminars. 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 travel, accommodation and subsistence.

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

Travel Costs: An itemised breakdown must be provided including details of different transport modes (e.g. land travel to/from airports as well as the flights). You may also include visa and insurance costs.

Accommodation costs: The scheme provides a contribution towards accommodation. 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 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: It is anticipated that Research Associates will supplement their award with funding from other sources please provide details of any other applications being made for funding in connection with this project in the final part of this section, these could include from your own institution or other. 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.

Please note that a good standard of English is essential.

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