



ESRC/SSRC Collaborative Visiting Fellowship

Call for Applications

Deadline: 20th April, 2006

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The **Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)** and the **Social Science Research Council (SSRC)** are pleased to announce a fellowship for U.S. and Canadian scholars to visit and engage in collaborative activities with members of ESRC-supported projects in Britain, or for British scholars at ESRC-supported projects to visit collaborators in the U.S. or Canada, between June 2006 and September 2007. Approximately ten research fellowships of up to \$8,500 (approx. £5,000) will be awarded.

Goals of the Fellowship

The ESRC and the SSRC have a common mission of promoting, funding, and disseminating important and socially useful knowledge in the social sciences. This is the third round of a pilot scheme designed to encourage communication and cooperation between social scientists in Great Britain and the United States and Canada, and to explore and develop possibilities for future exchanges to be organized by the ESRC and the SSRC. More information about the goals and activities of the ESRC and the SSRC is available on their respective websites:

■ <http://www.esrc.ac.uk>

■ <http://www.ssrc.org>

Eligibility and Competition Guidelines

Applicants from the U.S. and Canada must be endorsed by the Director of the ESRC-supported centre, programme, group or network with which they are interested in collaborating. For a listing, with web links, click [here](#). Interested scholars may initiate contact with the relevant Director and propose a collaborative agenda for their visits.

Alternatively, Directors may also approach U.S. or Canadian scholars with whom they would like to collaborate. All ESRC Directors have been alerted to this call. As the Directors are allowed to make only one nomination, they will be responsible for nominating their preferred visitor in the event that several U.S. or Canadian scholars approach them. Similarly, scholars at ESRC-funded investments who wish to visit the U.S. or Canada should seek endorsement of their application from their ESRC Director.

Applicants from the U.S. and Canada should have received a PhD in one of the social sciences (including history) by the time the proposed visiting fellowship would start. They should have been based in the U.S. for at least two years before the application deadline of April 20, 2006. The fellowship scheme is open to scholars from U.S. and Canadian universities, colleges, independent research organisations, and public agencies and to scholars at ESRC-supported centres, programmes, groups and networks in Britain.

Fundable activities include but are not strictly limited to:

- engaging in collaborative or complementary research that will add a new international comparative focus to existing research projects;
- engaging with a range of researchers, including younger scholars, to stimulate international and comparative dimensions to their thinking;
- writing co-authored papers, articles, and books;
- developing new proposals for joint research.

Preference will be given to applicants:

- whose proposed research offers clear opportunities for collaboration or comparative development;
- whose research agenda will result in ongoing scholarly exchange and cooperation;
- whose work has the potential to advance future cooperation between U.S. or Canadian and British scholars and research institutions;
- whose visit will be particularly timely given the stage in the lifecycle of the ESRC project.

Applications will be assessed jointly by ESRC and SSRC; decisions on awards will be final.

Award and Requirements

The amount of each visiting fellowship award will vary according to project needs up to a maximum of \$8,500 (or roughly £5,000). Funds may be used for transportation, accommodation, living expenses, and, exceptionally, to cover salary costs for the duration of the visit (a strong case will need to be made for this).

Visits may take place at any time of year, starting on or after June 1, 2006 as long as they are completed by September 1, 2007.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that they visit at a time when productive collaboration with their hosts is most likely, taking into consideration differences in academic calendars as well as programme meetings or conferences relevant to the applicant's research and writing agenda. The length of the visit should reflect the nature of the project but we anticipate that most visits will last between 1-3 months. Applicants are encouraged to seek additional funding for their visits from other sources.

Visiting fellows will be expected to give at least one talk/seminar to the host department and to other relevant colleagues. On their return, they will also be asked to write a short report on their visit, describing their accomplishments, and their plans for on-going collaboration, and making suggestions for improving upon or expanding such scholarly exchanges and collaborations.

Awards shall be made to the ESRC Director hosting/nominating the fellow. Awardees will be informed by the relevant Director how to claim expenses.

Applications

This call is administered by the SSRC. Applicants should submit the following materials to the SSRC:

- Completed application form
- Curriculum Vitae (2 pages)
- A description of proposed activities (maximum 5 pages/1250 words, including bibliography and appendices) including the nature and duration of the work and collaboration to be undertaken and the expected social science contributions of the project
- Budget (1 page) detailing expenses for travel, lodging, living expenses, and (where a strong case can be made) salary costs to be supported by the award, and also indicating additional sources of support for these and any other related activities. (The Visiting Fellowship award may be used to supplement other funding, for which a full budget is required)

- A letter of nomination from the Director of the sponsoring ESRC research centre, programme, group, or network, including a statement indicating why the visit would benefit the ESRC investment (2 pages)

When you are ready to apply, click on the link to the online application portal below.

All other materials (items 2-5 above) can be added as electronic attachments to the application form. If this is not possible, four copies of items 2-5 should be sent to:

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The **deadline for applications** to arrive at the SSRC is **12 noon, April 20, 2006 (UK time)**. Awards will be announced during the first week of May 2006. Supported activities can begin on or after June 1, 2006 and continue until September 1, 2007.

If you have questions about the ESRC/SSRC fellowship, please contact **Samip Mallick** at migration@ssrc.org.

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