

International Fellowship for Early to Mid-Career Urban Scholars from the Global South

Further Particulars

The Urban Studies Foundation is delighted to announce a further round of its fellowship programme enabling early to mid-career urban scholars from the Global South to take an extended sabbatical (3-9 months) in a university or other academically-accredited institution in the Global North or South. 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. The Global South is defined here as countries on the [OECD's current ODA recipient list](#) (2018-2020).

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. To this end, particular importance is attached to the identification and willingness of an 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.
- 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 10 years. Relevant disciplines include geography, political science, economics, sociology, demography, 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, etc.
- 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.
- A national of a country belonging to the Global South, defined here as countries present on the [OECD's current ODA recipient list](#) (2018-2020).
- Please note that previous International Fellows are not eligible to apply for a second fellowship.

Expectations relating to the mentor and the host institution

- The mentor should ideally be 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 they are able to fully realise their 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 to reach their 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.
- The visit of the mentor to the Fellow's country is also permitted to enhance the mentor's understanding of the Fellow's research context and for the mentor to provide effective advice for the Fellow's research. This is optional rather than compulsory, and can be included in the budget of the fellowship proposal.

Method of Application

Application forms may be downloaded from the USF website. Completed application forms and supporting documents must be submitted electronically to Joe Shaw (joe.shaw@glasgow.ac.uk) no later than **7th May 2019**. The application must be completed in full, including:

- 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 their expertise will support and facilitate the proposed research.
- draft budget listing main research, travel and living cost items for the fellow (living costs should not exceed £2000 per month; any institution charges must be included e.g. "bench fees" or other enrolment and resource costs).
- 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 (3 pages maximum) which includes any previous mentoring experience.
- names of two academic referees.

Candidates wishing to discuss their application informally should contact Joe Shaw (joe.shaw@glasgow.ac.uk).