



Visiting Fellowships to the Mathematics and Physical Sciences Faculty, UCL 2022- 2023

1. Background

This year the Mathematics and Physical Sciences (MAPS) faculty would like to offer **several** Visiting Fellowships for those who intend to engage, study and research in UCL, specifically related to the departments in the MAPS faculty. Our Visiting Fellowship scheme aims to enrich our research culture, develop and promote links with other universities and organisations and allow those within MAPS to learn and work with scholars and researchers outside UCL.

Our Visiting Fellowship scheme allows academics to invite researchers who are already established in an academic career or make connections outside academia. This is open for 2022 – 2023, to be completed this year.

Applications must be made by UCL staff.

The MAPS Faculty consists of eleven departments active in teaching and researching broad areas of science. These departments are:

- **Chemistry**
- **Earth Sciences**
- **Mathematics**
- **London Centre for Nanotechnology**
- **Physics & Astronomy**
- **Risk & Disaster Reduction**
- **Science & Technology Studies**
- **Space & Climate Physics & Mullard Space Science Laboratory**
- **Statistical Science**
- **Materials Discovery**
- **Virtual department: Natural Sciences**

If your collaborator would like to interact with students, the term dates for 2022-2023 are listed below,

First term	Monday 26 September 2022 to Friday 16 December 2022
Second term	Monday 9 January 2023 to Friday 24 March 2023
Third term	Monday 24 April 2023 to Friday 9 June 2023
First term	Monday 25 September 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023

2. Eligibility

2.1 The visitor must be a senior academic scholar or those employed in business, government, NGOs or similar who wish to pursue their collaborative research with UCL staff. At this stage, we **cannot** accept applications for PhD or Postdoctoral students.

- 2.2 In line with UCL's [Grand Challenges initiative](#), we encourage visitors from international institutions who will provide global engagement and broad reach impact. **Unfortunately, we will not accept applications for visitors from within the UK.** Previously, this was allowed due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation.
- 2.3 The scheme encourages applications that grow existing collaborations or develop new collaborations.
- 2.4 We expect a Visiting Fellow to organise an activity with their department during their stay, such as a research seminar or workshop.
- 2.5 We recommend that visits are completed by **31st July 2023**. For any visits, that would like to take place after 31st July 2023, the funding must be claimed before 31st July. Therefore, we recommend paying for as much of the travel and living expenses before the deadline. Please see item 2.6 for more information.
- 2.6 Funding must be cleared and processed by Finance by the financial year end **31st July 2023**. Funding from this scheme cannot be used or transferred past this date. If visits supersede this date, the host or Visiting Fellow must seek external funding or use matching funds for the remainder of the visit.
- 2.7 The minimum length of stay will *normally* be one month. Shorter and longer visits will be considered, and it does not need to be consecutive. The scheme is designed to be flexible to the needs of your visitor.

3. What the Fellowship Offers

- 3.1 The Fellowship will support the living and travel expenses with a supplement of up to **£3,000**.
- 3.2 Fellows are provided with workspace, IT and printing facilities, library access and a UCL campus card (if needed). WiFi is available throughout UCL's building. The host and department are responsible for arranging this for the Visiting Fellow.
- 3.3 For visa and related formalities: we can provide a letter of invitation. However, we are unable to provide specialist advice and assistance in this area. We recommend that you seek advice from the office of the British Council in your home country.
- 3.4 The host and Visiting Fellow are responsible for finding accommodation for your stay.

4. How to Apply

- 4.1 The separate application form should be submitted by email to Ethne James-Souch (PA to the MAPS Vice-Dean) at e.james-souch@ucl.ac.uk, by **Monday 13th March, 5pm (UK time)**.
- 4.2 The application should be made by a MAPS staff member within UCL, acting as the host.
- 4.3 The decision on awarding the Fellowship will be made by a panel chaired by the Faculty's Vice Dean (International) before **Friday 24th March 2023**.

5. Selection Criteria

5.1 The quality of the candidate.

5.2 There is a clear case for being based in UCL (e.g., does the visit fit into UCL's strategy and UCL's global engagement).

5.3 There is a mutual benefit to the host department and visitor, developing collaborative links.

5.4 There is a clear timetable of the proposed duration and timing of the visit.

Any questions, please contact Ethne James-Souch (e.james-souch@ucl.ac.uk)