

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Oxford Philosophy Faculty welcomes interest from suitably qualified applicants in this year's British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship scheme, for awards to be taken up in September or October 2018. The scheme is designed to "enable outstanding early career researchers to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in a university environment, which will develop their *curriculum vitae* and improve their prospects of obtaining permanent lecturing posts by the end of the Fellowship". Further details can be found on the British Academy [website](#). Some preliminary notes of guidance on the scheme, issued by the Oxford Humanities Division, are available [here](#).

The scheme requires a postholder at the proposed host institution to act as mentor to the fellow, should his or her application be successful. *It is the applicant's responsibility to secure the support of a prospective mentor.* Applications from candidates who intend to hold the award at the Oxford Philosophy Faculty will therefore *only be considered if the application has the support of a member of the Philosophy Panel*. Candidates are encouraged to use the application form available from [this page](#) to provide details of their proposed project to the prospective mentor, having first confirmed that they meet the eligibility criteria for the scheme, which will appear in due course on the British Academy's website.

Applicants who secure the support of a mentor can expect that person to provide feedback on the philosophical content of their application. The Faculty's Director of Research Professor Alison Hills, will also review each application that goes forward (time-permitting), and support for the application process and further feedback will be provided by the Humanities Division's team of Research Facilitators.

The British Academy's deadline for the first stage of this year's competition will likely fall in early October 2017, but *applicants must meet an earlier internal Philosophy Faculty deadline, which will fall on **Wednesday 9 August 2017***. Further details will be published in due course, but in any case **applicants are encouraged to make contact with their prospective mentor at the earliest opportunity, and preferably no later than 1 August 2017**. In doing so, it would be helpful if email messages could be copied to the Philosophy Faculty's [Head of Administration and Finance](#), Dr Rachael Sanders.

Initial queries about the scheme can be directed to the [Head of Administration and Finance](#) or the Division's [Research Facilitators](#).