

VISITING SCHOLARS

The Faculty of Humanities at Charles University

values research excellence, interdisciplinary expertise, team diversity and a stimulating working environment. It therefore welcomes scholars who wish to come to Prague to collaborate with one or more members of its academic community.

The stays of Visiting Scholars take place during semester time (September to June) and can last from 3 to 10 months. The status of a Visiting Scholar can be awarded for up to one academic year, unless external funding (such as a MSCA fellowship) exceeds this period.

Visiting Scholarship is an honorary status and does not include a stipend. However, the Faculty of Humanities welcomes expressions of interest from the MSCA, Fulbright and governmental bilateral scholarships applicants. All scholars who have external academic funding in place enjoy the same privileges as Visiting Scholars and further rights specific to their respective funding programmes/schemes.

ELIGIBILITY

The Faculty of Humanities can award the status of a Visiting Scholar to applicants who hold a PhD, engage in an academic career, and are employed by a research or higher education institution. The expertise of qualified candidates should intersect with or complement research specialisms of Faculty members and show promise of future joint research projects, joint publication(s), joint degree programmes or other forms of collaboration. We particularly invite applications from scholars at universities that already have collaborative and partnership ties with our Faculty.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Researchers who wish to come to the Faculty of Humanities as Visiting Scholars are asked to send their CV with a list of publications (max. 4 pages), a cover letter and an invitation/reference letter by the Faculty of Humanities academic outlining potential collaboration to the following address: visiting.scholars@fhs.cuni.cz. Applications for the Visiting Scholar status will require the approval by the Faculty of Humanities official representatives and will be judged strictly on the basis of academic merit and the availability of collaborating colleagues. It is essential that scholars apply (with all the above-mentioned documents) at least five months prior to their potential start date.

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PRIVILEGES CONNECTED WITH THE STATUS

The Faculty of Humanities provides Visiting Scholars with the following:

- Charles University ID card and electronic identity (CAS) that enable access to the Faculty building, Faculty library and all Charles University libraries and their resources remotely and on site, and access to the International/Welcome Office hot desk.
- free access to secured wifi Eduroam
- temporary faculty email address for the duration of the status (if required)
- Faculty affiliation with a bio on the Faculty website

RESPONSIBILITIES OF VISITING SCHOLARS

- Visiting Scholars are expected to be present in Prague and take part in the research life at the Faculty of Humanities.
- The form of their contribution to the academic community will be specified before the Visiting Scholar status award. It should entail at least one of the following activities (depending on the length of the stay):

joint publication or research project application preparation (such as ERC projects) with Faculty of Humanities scholars, sharing expertise during a visit of one or two course sessions in the guest's field of specialization, co-organization of a workshop etc.

(Please note that Visiting scholars are not required to teach, unless it is part of their external funding arrangement, such as Fulbright scholarship. Faculty of Humanities offers a broad spectrum of study programmes in English (and two in German and French) and if external funding is secured, we welcome Visiting Scholars to enrich our course offer).

DISCLAIMERS

Visiting Scholars are not employees of the Faculty of Humanities (unless the employee status is explicitly secured by their external funding arrangement/scheme). They are considered guests. The granting of Visiting Scholar status is a courtesy that does not oblige the Faculty of Humanities to make any financial transfers or provide any compensation in support of the incoming guest.

The Faculty of Humanities does not charge any administrative fees (such as bench fees) in order not to enhance inequalities in academia. Due to the courtesy nature of the award, the process of application evaluation may be terminated, and Visiting Scholar status may be revoked at any time at the sole discretion of the Faculty of Humanities.

We unfortunately cannot provide any assistance with visas. Scholars who need assistance may turn to the Staff Welcome Centre of the Charles University at www.swc.cuni.cz.

Before or upon arrival, Visiting Scholars must provide proof of their health insurance for the entire period of their stay in the Czech Republic.