



UBC Okanagan – University of Exeter, Joint Fellowship award for Visiting Scholars

Invitation for Expression of Interest.

For Fellowships taking place for...

2nd semester during the 2023-24 academic year;

Either semester 1 or 2 during the 2024-25 academic year;

we invite at this stage an initial Expression of Interest (EOI) by **Friday 30th June 2023.**

EOI's should include:

- Dates of proposed visit.
- A paragraph describing the proposed research/teaching project and how it will enhance the relationship between UBC and Exeter.
- CVs of both academic host and visiting scholar.

Summary of Opportunity:

The UBC Okanagan – University of Exeter Joint Fellowship offers opportunities to scholars to research and teach at the partner institution with the aim of enriching the participants' careers and deepening the collaborative relationship between the two universities.

Joint Fellowship recipients will be known as '**UBC - Exeter Joint Fellows**'. The Fellowship will provide funds for travel, research and teaching relief/course release to help catalyse collaborative teaching and/or research initiatives. The Joint Fellowship will operate in both directions, with either UBC or Exeter functioning as Host institution. These awards are being made available through the Exeter-UBC Okanagan Excellence Initiative.

Joint Fellows will be expected to achieve a research outcome (such as collaborative publication, open learning resource) that is commensurate with the period of the fellowship (approx. 4 months). Additionally Visiting Joint Fellows will be expected to contribute to the teaching program of the Host institution, where feasible alongside their Host, e.g. by co-teaching a course/module. The hosting Joint Fellow will be responsible for ensuring assignments are set and graded according to local norms and procedures, where co-teaching on a course/module occurs.

Purpose and Duration:

The duration of each Fellowship will be for one semester within the respective Universities' academic years:

UBC term dates: Sept-Dec/Jan-Apr.

Exeter term dates: Sept-Dec/Jan-May.

The Joint Fellowships aim to support research, including scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) and research creation/creative practice, on issues and problems traditionally studied within humanities disciplines, which typically employ interpretive methods and are centred on questions of history, meaning and value.



Recognising that some of the most compelling and public facing work in the humanities might come from practitioners outside humanities administrative units, the Joint Fellowship is open to any researcher in the UBC Okanagan and University of Exeter systems who is undertaking humanities or humanities-adjacent research. Proposals should provide the history of the applicants' existing collaboration and explain how the Joint Fellowship funding would extend it. They should articulate a plan for a year of collaboration, including a period of four months at the host institution, that will embed research into a specific course offering.

Key considerations:

Fellowship applications will be adjudicated primarily on the **quality** of the proposal, including plans for impact/knowledge mobilization; the **feasibility** of the plan for research and teaching; the **capability** of the co-applicants to succeed in the project; and its **capacity** to enhance the collaborative relationship of the universities. The particular administrative location of the applicant would be neither consideration nor barrier to a successful decision.

Eligibility:

- UBC Okanagan faculty who wish either to apply to visit Exeter *or* to host an Exeter visitor must be academic faculty members (lecturers, EL/research professors at all ranks).
- University of Exeter academics who wish either to apply to visit UBCO *or* to host a UBCO visitor must be on contracts where research is a substantive element (E&R, R).

Important dates:

For Fellowships taking place in the 2023-24 or 2024-25 academic year, we invite at this stage...

- Initial Expressions of Interest by **Friday 30th June 2023**.
- After provisional acceptance, full applications will be requested with a deadline for submission of **Monday 31st July 2023**.

Fellowship funding:

The Universities may decide to award one Joint Fellowship per year, or one in each direction in an academic year. Each fellowship will award, in all cases:

- Travel and relocation expenses for the visiting Joint Fellow to a maximum of **GBP3500 / CAD6000**.
- Research and travel expenses for the hosting Joint Fellow of **GBP1750 / CAD3000**.
- Funds to fully **cover visa/visa application fees** for the visiting Joint Scholar.

UBC Okanagan faculty can also request funding to secure partial or complete release from teaching in the term when they are visiting Exeter. Please note that such funds are subject to negotiation and must be used for teaching release only.

Visas and Immigration:

The visiting Joint Fellow from UBC will remain on the UBC payroll and they will be supported by University of Exeter to enter and stay in the UK through the Tier 5 visa route as a 'sponsored researcher'.



Information on University of Exeter website:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/staff/employment/honorary/visarules/>

And on UK Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government-authorised-exchange>

The visiting scholar from Exeter will remain on the Exeter payroll and they will secure a work permit issued at the Canadian border with supporting documentation from UBC.

Information on the University of British Columbia website: [Visiting Professor/Visiting Lecturer](#)

And on the Government of Canada website: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/foreign-workers/exemption-codes/canadian-interests-reciprocal-employment-academic-exchanges-r205-b-exemption-code-c22.html>

Conditions of Funding:

Details of the award may be listed on the websites of UBC and University of Exeter and may be used to promote academic and cultural initiatives.

Successful applicants will be required to complete a post-project report confirming how funding was spent and detailing how the activity delivered on the application.

Application information:

What to do now?

Submit Expression of Interest by **30th June 2023**

Please email to both:

Stuart Westhead, S.Westhead@exeter.ac.uk (Regional Head, North American partnerships)

Kayla Jakuboski, Kayla.jakuboski@ubc.ca (Graduate Program and Research Support)

What happens next?

Following preliminary approval of an initial Expression of Interest, colleagues will be invited (during week commencing 19th June) to formally apply by a deadline of **31st July 2023**.

This application will aim to be a straight-forward process via which applicants will be invited to share, in no more than 300 words, a summary of the research they will conduct during their fellowship; a copy of their short C.V.; a letter of reference from their Head of Department; confirmation of support from an Academic Host at the partner University.