

SCHOOL OF LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Funded International Visiting Research Fellowship

Scheme 2025/26

The School of Law and Social Justice, comprising the Department of Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology and the Liverpool Law School, is an internationally renowned Centre for innovative, multidisciplinary research, with a distinct expertise in and commitment to social justice issues. Over 100 academics are engaged in this vibrant research environment, which is supported by 15 dynamic [research clusters](#), and which maintains strong links with practitioners, NGOs, and other local community groups.

The School is also renowned for fostering excellence, innovation and interdisciplinary dialogue in research methods through the [Engage@Liverpool](#) initiative. As well as offering year-round methods training events, Engage@Liverpool enables people from very different disciplines to share and develop leading methodological approaches to a range of research issues.

As part of its commitment to nurturing international research partnerships, the School of Law and Social Justice is pleased to announce funding for a number of prestigious incoming International Visiting Research Fellowships. The Fellowships scheme aims to attract academics from non-UK countries, to spend a period of dedicated time in Liverpool, focused on undertaking innovative research in collaboration with existing staff and/or research clusters within the School. Applicants should approach and nominate a member of academic staff at the School prior to submitting their application and, if successful, will be hosted by that member of staff. New collaborations are encouraged, as is the development of existing collaborations.

Examples of current and past Fellows can be seen here: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law-and-social-justice/research/international-visiting-research-fellowship-programme/fellows/>

Duration

Fellowships must commence within six months of approval and be completed by July 2026.

While there is no fixed period for the Fellowships, applications for placements of less than two weeks' duration will not normally be considered.

Eligibility

Applicants should be of postdoctoral status or have equivalent professional experience.

What you can expect

An International Visiting Research Fellowship within the School of Law and Social Justice provides scholars with the opportunity to establish and develop research collaborations within a thriving research community. Each Fellow will receive:

- Funded Fellows only will receive a stipend (up to a maximum of £5,000) which can be used for travel, accommodation or subsistence (the final sum awarded will be at the discretion of the School); full access to the University of Liverpool Library Services and all other University services, including the sports facilities;
- Desk space within the School of Law and Social Justice Building, which is located on the south side of the University campus and only a short distance (10 minutes' walk) from Liverpool city centre;

- An opportunity to participate in the extensive research activities of the School, including those of relevant research clusters.

* Please note Fellows will be expected to organise their own living accommodation and make their own travel and visa arrangements.

What we can expect

Fellows will be expected to develop new or extend existing research collaborations with staff or clusters in the School. As a minimum, this will include the following:

- Presenting a minimum of 1 work-in-progress research seminar;
- Participating actively in the research events and activities of the School and the relevant research cluster, commensurate with their research;
- Developing new or strengthening existing collaborative links, for example, through producing joint publications and/or joint application/s for research funding with School staff;
- Acknowledging the School of Law and Social Justice Visiting Research Fellowship support in any publications or other outputs resulting from their Fellowship;
- Producing an 'End of Fellowship' report (of no more than 1,000 words) detailing their activities and achievements during the Fellowship;
- Producing a Biography for inclusion on the International Fellows website, outlining their activities and achievements during their Fellowship.

Applications will be assessed by a panel of senior academic staff from the School of Law and Social Justice, on the following basis:

- Intrinsic academic interest/importance of the proposed collaboration;
- Interest of the visit to a range of researchers and postgraduates;
- Interaction proposed in addition to the specialist collaboration undertaken;
- Likelihood of significant outcomes such as external funding, joint publications and potential long-term research partnerships;
- Contribution to the University's international research profile;
- Balance of Law and Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology applications spread across both departments.

Full details of how to apply can be found on our webpages [here](#) and submissions should be sent for the attention of Mrs Jayne Edwards, no later than Sunday 31st August 2025. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible thereafter.

Further enquiries should be directed to Mrs Jayne Edwards at SLSJRI@liverpool.ac.uk

***Please note a number of self-funded fellowships are also available. Applications for these are assessed on a rolling basis throughout the year. Further details of the self-funded track can be found via [this link](#).**