LSE-Kuwait Programme, LSE Middle East Centre

LSE-Kuwait Fellowships 2026-2027

The Kuwait Programme wishes to announce the availability of LSE-Kuwait Fellowships.

Based in the London School of Economics' Middle East Centre, or in one of LSE's research centres or academic departments, the Fellowship will enable the successful candidates to pursue research relevant to the Kuwait Programme for three months. Applications are invited from researchers based at academic or research institutions in Kuwait who have a PhD or equivalent experience and wish to develop their research capacity and output.

Fellows will be fully integrated into the academic life of the host department or centre, connecting with LSE academics and participating in internal and external events. Fellows will receive academic training and professional development opportunities. The successful candidates will have access to the library and will receive desk space and administrative support. The Fellowship includes funding for accommodation (accommodation to be self-organised by the fellow), a stipend for subsistence and travel costs, and a return economy flight to London.

Eligibility and Procedure

- Applicants must be researchers based at academic or research institutions in Kuwait who have a PhD or equivalent experience and wish to develop their research capacity and output.
- Projects should contribute to the Thematic Research Priorities of the Kuwait Programme listed below.
- Applicants should submit a **curriculum vitae**, **proposed dates of the Fellowship** and a **2,500-word proposal (excluding bibliography) for a research paper**, which explains its relevance to the work of the Kuwait Programme's research theme/s, and the contribution it would make to the field.
    - *Please note: any applications that do not stick to the word count will not be considered.*
- Fellows may be hosted in the Middle East Centre or in another research centre or academic department. If applicants wish to be hosted in a unit other than the Middle East Centre, they should provide an explanation why and outline who they want to work with when based there. If applicants don't express a preference, they will be hosted in the Middle East Centre. We will do our best to arrange placement in the unit of your choice but cannot guarantee it.
- Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with the work of the Kuwait Programme.

Outputs

- Output 1: A policy-relevant Kuwait Programme paper of 7000 words maximum (including footnotes) which will be considered for publication by the Kuwait Programme. The paper will be submitted by the end of the Fellowship.
- Output 2: MEC blog post to be submitted during the Fellowship.
- Output 3: Fellows will contribute to the work of the Kuwait Programme more generally.

Thematic Research Priorities

- Improving the delivery of healthcare in Kuwait;
- Enhancing Kuwait's water and food security;
- Diversifying energy sources in an oil-rich economy;
- Driving forward Kuwait's digital transformation;
- Developing public policy to reform the public sector and improve public service delivery in Kuwait;
- Informing and improving environmental policy in Kuwait;
- Improving the role of the sovereign wealth fund in driving forward Kuwaiti development;
- Setting economic vision(s) to diversify the economy;
- Improving and developing education policies in Kuwait.

Application Process

Stage One – Submission of Application

- The application should fit the Programme criteria and goals
- Application proposal should be no more than 2,500 words (excluding bibliography)
- Applicants should submit their CV
- Applicants should highlight their preferred starting dates (starting anytime from 1 March - 1 July)

The Kuwait Programme is happy to offer advice and assistance to applicants during the preparation of full applications. Please make contact early in the process for this.

Application deadline: Thursday 21 January 2027

Stage Two – Award

Applicants will be contacted about the result of their application by ***Monday 1 February 2027.***

Start Date – March to July 2027

Applicants can start their Fellowship between ***1 March 2027 to 1 July 2027***.

End Date – Three months after beginning

The Fellowship ends three months after the start date.

To apply or for further information please contact Mercedes Masters, Kuwait Programme Manager at m.c.masters@lse.ac.uk.