

Kuwait Programme, LSE Middle East Centre LSE Kuwait Fellowships 2024-2025

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, 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 accommodation at LSE, a living allowance 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.
- 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.
- Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with the work of the Kuwait Programme.

Outputs

- Output 1: a policy-relevant Kuwait Programme paper of 6000 words maximum 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

If the application fits with the programme criteria and goals, a full first draft of the application, of no more than 2,500 words (excluding bibliography), should be submitted. 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.

Deadline: 15 November 2024

Stage Two – Award

Applicants will be contacted about the result of their application by **17 January 2025**

Start Date – March to July 2025

Applicants can begin their Fellowship between **March 2025 to July 2025**.

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, the Kuwait Programme Coordinator at m.c.masters@lse.ac.uk.