

Cambridge/Canterbury Exchange Programme 2024-25

Information about Cambridge Fellowships at the University of Canterbury (‘Cambridge Fellowship’)

Background

In 2008 the Universities of Cambridge and of Canterbury announced the establishment of a reciprocal visitor programme entitled the Cambridge/Canterbury Exchange Programme. The first visits took place in 2009, and a series of distinguished Cambridge visitors have spent time at the University of Canterbury since then.

The goal of the Cambridge/Canterbury Exchange Programme is to build upon the academic links already developed and to benefit the students and staff of both universities. The Programme is primarily administered and funded by the University of Canterbury.

To quote the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the two universities in February 2008:

The University of Canterbury and the University of Cambridge, in furtherance of their mutual interests in teaching and research, and as a contribution to increased international cooperation between them, hereby agree to implement, within the framework of the regulation applying in each of the institutions and subject to the availability of resources, the following programmes and activities:

- i. Exchange of continuing academic staff members*
- ii. Joint research activities*
- iii. Participation in teaching, seminars and academic meetings*
- iv. Exchange of publications, academic materials and other information*
- v. Joint quality assurance benchmarking*

The Cambridge/Canterbury Exchange Programme is funded mainly by the University of Canterbury, with assistance from the bequest of John Angus Erskine, its distinguished graduate in science, engineering and economics.

The Programme brings undoubted growth in the exchange of knowledge, professional links and research collaborations between the two universities. The Fellowships to be awarded each year are available in all faculties and are additional to those available under the existing Visiting Erskine Fellowships, Visiting Oxford Fellowships, Erskine Grants, Oxford Grants, Visiting Fellowships, Canterbury Grants and other leave programmes.

University of Canterbury, Christchurch
New Zealand

University of Cambridge
United Kingdom

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Regulations

- 1 Under the Cambridge/Canterbury Exchange Programme, Visiting Cambridge Fellowships may be awarded to academic staff members of the University of Cambridge who are already advanced in the learning of any subject taught at the University of Canterbury for the purpose of giving lectures to students in such subjects at the University of Canterbury and contributing generally to the teaching programme.
- 2 An award will normally be for a period of one to three months (30 to 90 days). The maximum funded period of a Visiting Cambridge Fellowship may be increased to four months (120 days) if a detailed case is made and approved at the time of the nomination.
- 3 A Visiting Cambridge Fellow at the University of Canterbury will receive:
 - a grant-in-aid that takes account of a return air fare London/Christchurch by the most direct and economical route;
 - return rail or coach travel between Cambridge/London; and
 - a daily allowance of NZ\$100 per eligible day towards living expenses.

When relevant, a second airfare will be offered for a spouse, domestic partner or other immediate family member living at the same address for a minimum visit, excluding travelling time, of 28 nights during the period of the Fellowship. The accompanying family member need not travel with the visitor in either direction. Please note that the University of Canterbury does not remit cash overseas to visitors for travel purposes or make cash reimbursements, after arrival. All travel arrangements must be arranged through the University of Canterbury's preferred travel agent, Orbit Travel.

- 4 Accommodation for the Visiting Cambridge Fellow and immediate family member(s) will be arranged and paid for by the University of Canterbury for the period of the Fellowship proper (i.e., between the start and end dates of the Cambridge Fellowship). Any additional rental charges (for nights outside the Fellowship dates) will be billed separately to the visitor. While every effort to meet the accommodation requirements of the visitor will be made, we are unable to guarantee any specific style, standard or location.
- 5 A Visiting Cambridge Fellow normally remains on full salary from the University of Cambridge for the duration of the leave.
- 6 A Visiting Cambridge Fellow will receive:
 - office space (please note this may be a shared space).
 - shared secretarial support.
 - library and computer privileges; and
 - an honorary membership of the University of Canterbury Club for the duration of the visit at no additional cost.
- 7 At the conclusion of the visit, a Visiting Cambridge Fellow will receive a link via Qualtrics, the University of Canterbury's survey and questionnaire tool, to submit a brief report regarding the activities of the visit for the purpose of facilitating international benchmarking in curriculum, teaching and learning. The report will be circulated to the University of Cambridge's General Board, to the relevant Department or Faculty in Cambridge and to the University of Canterbury Senior Leadership Team and academic departments.

General Information

1 Quota

Two Visiting Cambridge Fellowships at the University of Canterbury are available to University of Cambridge academic staff members each year. These Fellowships are additional to those available under the existing Visiting Erskine Fellowships, Visiting Canterbury Fellowships and other leave programmes.

2 Nominations

Nominations for Visiting Cambridge Fellowships at the University of Canterbury are made by the Head of the relevant School/Department at the University of Canterbury and endorsed by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and International Partnerships at the University of Cambridge. A nomination should also be supported by the Head of the relevant Department or Faculty at the University of Cambridge.

The deadline for the receipt of nominations is **15 July 2024 for Fellowships to take place in 2025**.

3 Selection

Applications are sent initially to the Strategic Partnerships Office, University of Cambridge, and are then considered by the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Research and International Partnerships. Up to three short-listed applications will be forwarded to the University of Canterbury prior to final selection. Decisions are expected to be notified in late **August 2024**.

Successful applicants will be sent an information guide which provides information about the Fellowship award and the process for booking flights to Christchurch, accommodation, the maintenance grant and travel insurance.

4 Review

This scheme was trialled for three years and reviewed in 2011, 2013, 2017 and 2021. Both the University of Canterbury and the University of Cambridge have confirmed that the scheme will continue to February 2030.

5 Terms Dates 2024/2025

Canterbury

Semester One		
	Start date	End date
Term 1	17 February 2025	4 April 2025
Term 2	28 April 2025	30 May 2025
Semester Two		
	Start date	End date
Term 3	14 July 2025	22 August 2025
Term 4	8 September 2025	17 October 2025

Cambridge

	Start date	End date
Michaelmas	8 October 2024	6 December 2024
Lent	21 January 2025	21 March 2025
Easter	29 April 2025	20 June 2025
Michaelmas	7 October 2025	5 December 2025

6 Web Addresses

University of Canterbury home page:
www.canterbury.ac.nz

University of Canterbury Erskine Programme:
<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/engage/erskine/visitors/cambridge-fellows/>

Strategic Partnerships Office (Cambridge):
www.strategic-partnerships.admin.cam.ac.uk

Cambridge/Canterbury Exchange Programme:
www.strategic-partnerships.admin.cam.ac.uk/funding-calls-and-exchange-programmes#canterbury

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