

## **Academic visitors to the Department of Language and Linguistic Science**

The Department warmly welcomes applications from scholars, internationally as well as the UK, who wish to spend up to one year (12 months, though shorter periods are quite acceptable) as an Academic Visitor. You may wish to come here to pursue your independent research, or to work more collaboratively alongside or in collaboration with one of our faculty or research group, with expertise in a particular area or topic in languages and linguistics. If you do wish to have the opportunity to work alongside one of our faculty, you might contact them informally, before making a formal application to the Department, to find out whether such an arrangement might be possible.

We offer visiting scholars the opportunity to become a part of our academic community, and hope they will both be informed by and also contribute to our research activities here at York. Part of the application process includes a short research proposal. It is expected that there will be a strong academic reason for being an Academic Visitor in the Department.

The Department's research interests and staff are listed on our webpages: <http://www.york.ac.uk/language/>

### **What we offer**

Academic Visitors to the Department have access to the following facilities:

- Access to University and Department computing facilities, wi-fi internet access, and a University of York email address
- Use of the University Library, including use of the common study areas in the University library
- Admission to most lectures and other teaching by agreement, and to research seminars and other public events
- Copies of course material
- Limited free use of the Department's photocopier
- Although we can no longer guarantee a dedicated study space for each of our academic visitors, wherever possible we provide suitable bench space in a (restricted) shared office area either in the Department or an adjacent building, in the Humanities Research Centre. The HRC houses research projects and students from arts and humanities departments, such as English and Related Literature, History, History of Art, Philosophy. There is a lively programme of activities in the building.

If you would like to attend (audit) classes (lectures and seminars) for certain module(s), this can usually be arranged. You can check before applying whether there is a module(s) that interests you, or you might review our catalogue when you arrive. Arrangements can also be made to take a module(s) for credit, which involves following a modules in the usual way (lectures and seminars or workshops, completing formative and summative assessments and being awarded a final mark,

for which you would receive a certificate of credit) However, you should be aware that a charge would be made, in line with University policies and rates, for modules taken for credit.

Please note that the Department does not have significant offerings in areas such as Applied Linguistics and Teaching English (including TOEFL). These are offered in the Department of Education, so if one of these is your main area of interest, you should contact Education.

### **The academic year**

The academic year at York is divided into three terms, Autumn term (from late September to December), Spring term (from January to March) and the Summer term (from April to the end of June). Please check <http://www.york.ac.uk/admin/po/terms.htm> for exact term dates. Whilst you may like to join from the beginning of the academic year (end of September) or at the beginning of particular terms, we recognise that people's availability, and semester and term periods in their home countries, vary; and therefore that it may not always be convenient to visit for period that coincide with our academic year or terms. We are flexible, and can usually accommodate visits for varying periods, according to whatever is mutually convenient.

### **The cost**

Visitors are charged a bench fee to cover the costs that we, the University and Department, will incur in hosting them. The normal rate is currently £2000 for 12 months; visits of less than 12 months are charged pro rata at £165 per month.

Visitors may be self-funded, or may have secured a grant through a research project or funding agency (e.g. government agency). If you think that the fees quoted above may be difficult for you, you should note this in your letter of application (see below).

Fees are payable on arrival in the Department, at the start of your visit.

### **Applying to be an Academic Visitor to the Department**

You may apply by emailing the Department's International Co-ordinator, Professor Paul Drew ([paul.drew@york.ac.uk](mailto:paul.drew@york.ac.uk)), with the following information:

A letter of application (there is no standard form), indicating:

- Why you would like to spend time in York, and how it might benefit you.
- Whether you have been in contact informally with a member of the Department who has agreed to work with you, in some capacity while

you are here; or whether there is a member of staff or research group with whom you would like to be associated.

- Whether you will be self-funding, will be funded from a research project, or have secured or are applying for funding (e.g. to a government agency) for your visit.
- When precisely you wish to visit the Department (approximate dates).

Your letter of application should be accompanied by a brief outline (1-2 sides, 1000 words max.) of the research that you intend to undertake here. And your CV, including full name, address, and current position.

### **Visa Procedures and Accommodation**

The Department is unable to provide advice on visas. For more information on visa applications, please visit the University's website:

<http://www.york.ac.uk/admin/ias/>.

Nor are we able to provide assistance with arranging accommodation. Please contact the Accommodation Office <http://www.york.ac.uk/admin/accom/> for more information.

*We receive many requests for visiting scholar status each year, and regretfully we are unable to accept all applications. Applications are reviewed by the Department's Visiting Scholars' committee. Don't be put off applying to us – Visiting Scholars make a hugely important contribution to the intellectual life of the Department, and we're confident that a period working at York will benefit our visitors intellectually and personally.*

Please send any enquiry you may have and your application by email to:

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We wish you well with your application, and look forward to welcoming you to York.