Academic visitors to the Department of Language and Linguistic Science, 2019

The Department welcomes applications from scholars who wish to spend up to one year in the Department as Academic Visitors. The Department assumes that visitors are in York to pursue independent research and does not provide or arrange academic supervision.

Please note that we receive many requests for visiting scholar status each year, and can only accept a few. We expect that visiting scholars will become a part of our academic environment and will therefore be informed by and also contribute to our research activities here in York. Part of the application process includes a short research proposal which will be evaluated by our visiting scholars’ committee. It is expected that there will be a strong academic reason for visiting York – that the visiting scholar’s research will connect with the research of one of our staff or of a research group, normally.

Potential visiting scholars should familiarise themselves with the information below.

What does the Department do?
The Department’s research interests and staff are listed on the webpages: http://www.york.ac.uk/language/

Each year we run a number of undergraduate and Masters level courses. Descriptions of these modules can be found by following this link: http://www.york.ac.uk/language/current/

If you would like to attend classes, please check whether there is anything suitable. Please note that the Department does not have significant offerings in areas such as Applied Linguistics, Discourse Analysis, and Teaching English; it is the Department of Education which offers such courses. If one of these is your main area of interest, you should contact Education about being hosted in that department.

In addition to teaching, there are regular research group meetings, and weekly seminars and/or guest lectures covering a wide range of topics. If you are accepted as a visitor, we will usually ask you to give a seminar, as a way of making yourself known to members of the department, and so you can find it easier to make contact with staff and students.

What will it cost?
Bench fees are costs which visiting academics are expected to pay, in order to cover the costs that the University will incur in hosting them. The normal rates are as follows:

- Bench fee per year: £1500
- prorated per month for visits of less than 12 months (£125 per month)

Our normal policy is that visitors with funding from e.g. their government or a research grant should be able to fund their visit this way, or privately. Please contact the Head of Department if the fees are problematic for you.
Taking modules for credit
Module fees are charged when the visitor attends a module in the same way as a student and takes assessment, receives a certificate, etc. These are based on fees set by the University. Please note: if you want to take modules for credit, this requires registering as a student, and this is typically quite expensive. It may require you to get a student visa if you are coming from outside the European Union. The Department can not advise on this.

What facilities are there?
The following are provided for Academic Visitors to the Department:
University of York email address and limited use of University and Department computing facilities;
Use of the University Library;
Admission to most lectures and other teaching by agreement;
Copies of course material;
Admission to research seminars and other public events;
Limited free use of the Department's photocopier

What is the Best Time to Visit?
The academic year at York is divided into three terms. Autumn term is from late September to December. Spring term is from January to March. Summer term is from April to June. Please check http://www.york.ac.uk/admin/po/terms.htm for exact term dates.

The University vacation begins in July and lasts until the end of September. Many people are away at this time and the Department has no teaching and few events. The libraries may also open for shorter hours and may close completely for short periods.

Where will I be located?
We can no longer guarantee a dedicated study space for each of our academic visitors. Where possible, we provide such space in a shared area of the Berrick Saul Building, for which an extra charge may be necessary. The building has wi-fi internet access, and is the home of the Humanities Research Centre. It houses research projects and students from arts and humanities departments, in addition to ours, such as English and Related Literature, History, History of Art, Philosophy. There is a lively programme of activities in the building. All academic visitors are eligible to use the common study areas in the University library.

Application Procedures
To apply, please prepare the following documents:
A letter of application, indicating why it would be useful to you to spend time in York;
A 1-2 page research proposal for your time in York;
A CV, with full name, address, and current teaching position;
A letter of recommendation from your Head of Department or other senior academic who knows you and your work;
A clear indication of how you intend to pay the fees;
A clear indication of the time period you wish to be in York, and your plans for finding accommodation.
Please send your inquiries and application by email to:

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Payment of Fees  
Academic Visitors spend between three and a maximum of twelve months associated with the Department and pay the associated bench fee (see above). The full amount is payable either upon arrival; we will generate an invoice at that time.

Visa Procedures  
The Department cannot provide advice on visas. For more information on visa applications, please visit the University’s website: http://www.york.ac.uk/admin/ias/.

Accommodation Arrangements  
The Department cannot provide assistance with accommodation. Please contact the Accommodation Office http://www.york.ac.uk/admin/accom/ for more information.