

The University of Macau
Guidelines for IAS Fellowship Scheme (Regular Staff)

1. Introduction

The Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (hereafter referred to as “IAS”) is committed to creating an interdisciplinary intellectual platform for our faculty members. The IAS invites faculty members each year to participate in the Fellowship Scheme through an open call for applications and Dean’s recommendation. The fellows will focus on three research themes, namely Chinese Culture in Diverse Cultural Environment (CCDE), New Opportunities at the Intersection of Humanities and Sciences (IHUS), and Macao Studies from a Global Perspective (MSGP).

2. Purpose

By leveraging on the diverse themed research projects, the Fellowship Scheme aims to foster interdisciplinary research projects addressing pressing social issues and serves as a platform for exploring new perspectives, exchanging ideas, and encouraging potential collaborations across faculties.

3. Eligibility

- Priority will be given to full-time academic staff of the University of Macau;
- Applicants should have strong research background, as evidenced by publications, grants, and other relevant achievements;
- Applicants with interdisciplinary research experience are preferred.

4. Application

To apply for the fellowship, faculty members are required to complete an application form and submit it to the IAS via email or internal mail (please refer to the attachment).

- Email: ias.programme@um.edu.mo
- Office Address: Room 3004, Cultural Building, University of Macau, E34, Avenida da Universidade, Taipa, Macau, China

5. Selection

- The IAS collects all applications and forwards them to the respective home faculties for review;
- Each faculty is responsible for making recommendations by selecting the applicants of their faculty who are deemed suitable for the scheme, with a number of factors taken into consideration, including research performance over the past 3 to 5 years, relevance of the proposed research to the IAS research themes, project significance and originality, capabilities and achievements of the applicant, likelihood of project accomplishment, and other factors subject to the faculty's discretion;
- In addition to open applications, Deans of each faculty are encouraged to nominate their faculty members who are deemed suitable for the scheme;
- The IAS makes the final decision on the selection of fellows based on a number of factors including the faculty recommendation, significance and relevance of the proposed research to the IAS research themes, size of faculty, applicant's discipline and research interest and experience, the development direction of the institute, and other relevant considerations.

If an applicant does not receive notice regarding the result of their application within three months, their application will be considered unsuccessful.

6. Support from IAS

- Successful applicants will receive administrative support from the institute while organizing impactful events such as IAS Conferences, Guia Lectures, Guest Lectures, Public Forums, or other academic exchanges that fit the objectives and resource availability of IAS.
- Affiliates are honorary and not employees of IAS. This appointment does not provide salary or benefits and the research projects do not get funding from the IAS. IAS may host multi-year research projects across faculties.

7. Fellowship Appointment

The IAS will appoint successful applicants as IAS research fellows in the following categories:

- Senior Research Fellow (rank of Chair Professor or Distinguished Professor);
- Research Fellow;
- Junior Research Fellow;

Fellowship appointments will last two academic years. Appointments may end early due to resignation, retirement, or other unforeseen circumstances. The affiliation with the IAS is subject to the university policies, rules, and procedures.

8. Commitment and Obligations

As fellows affiliated with the IAS, active participation in various activities to foster interdisciplinary exchange and contribute to the vibrant intellectual community is expected. The commitment includes:

1. **Active Engagement:** Embrace involvement in IAS activities like seminars, workshops, conferences, and interdisciplinary collaborations. Enhance the academic atmosphere and promote knowledge exchange.
2. **Interdisciplinary Exchange:** Engage with researchers from different disciplines, fostering interdisciplinary discussions and collaborations. Enrich research outcomes and address complex societal challenges effectively.
3. **Producing Research Outputs:** Conduct high-quality research aligned with IAS goals. Generate research outputs such as publications, conference presentations, and scholarly contributions. Contribute to knowledge advancement and showcase impact.

9. Renewal

The term of appointment for the IAS fellowship is renewable based on mutual consent. Fellows who wish to extend their appointment can express their interest in renewal, and the decision will be made through mutual agreement between the fellow and the IAS.