

ACU Titular Fellowships 2015-2016

The ACU Titular Fellowships, funded by the Association of Commonwealth Universities' Development Fellowships Fund, aim to enable the universities of the Commonwealth to develop the human resources of their institutions and countries through the interchange of people, knowledge, skills and technologies.

PURPOSE

The Titular Fellowships are offered each year in subject areas or fields of activity in which the needs of developing countries are particularly great. Fellows can come from inside or outside the university sector. The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) wishes especially to encourage the movement of staff in both directions between industry/commerce/public service and the universities with a view to forging reciprocally beneficial links.

The programme has been devised for people of proven quality at a crucial stage of their career. It is not an immediately post-doctoral or degree-earning scheme; nor will Fellowships be offered simply for the pursuit of personal research. The ACU is especially keen to receive applications from women candidates; and for programmes intended to enhance the status and role of women in its member universities.

Titular Fellowships are open to the academic and administrative staff, or the nominees, of universities in ACU membership. A full list of ACU member universities can be found at www.acu.ac.uk/membership/acu-members/

Preference will be given to workers in the following priority subject areas:

- agriculture, forestry and food sciences;
- biotechnology;
- development strategies;
- earth and marine sciences;
- engineering;
- health and related social sciences;
- information technology;
- management for change;
- professional education and training;
- social and cultural development; and
- university development and management.

Founded by particular sponsors, each of the ACU Titular Fellowships is dedicated to a specific purpose:

- **Swansea University Fulton Fellowship** – tenable at Swansea University, UK. Awarded for any of the priority subjects listed above.
- **The Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales Fellowship** – at least one Fellowship open *either* to professionally qualified accountants *or* to established members of university faculties or related fields. Tenable at a Commonwealth university which either provides courses approved by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, or provides courses in, or closely allied to, business education.
- **Wighton Titular Fellowship in Engineering** – open to full-time staff, academic or technical, of engineering departments in any of the developing country universities in membership of the ACU. Intended especially for the enhancement of laboratory teaching capacity.
- **The University of Manitoba Fellowship** – tenable at the University of Manitoba, Canada. Awarded for any of the priority subject areas listed above.
- **The George Weston Limited, Canada, Fellowship** – in agriculture, forestry, and food science/food technology.
- **The University of Oxford Fellowship** – tenable at the University of Oxford, UK. Awarded in any of the priority subject areas listed above.
- **The Jacky McAleer Memorial Fellowship** – in memory of Jacky McAleer, a former member of staff of the ACU, and in recognition of her long and outstanding service to the ACU. Awarded in the field of information technology, with priority given to the computerisation of record systems or computer-assisted learning.
- **The Gordon and Jean Southam Fellowship** – open to applicants of any of the Canadian universities in the membership of the ACU. Awarded for any of the priority subject areas listed above.

TENURE

Except where specific institutions or countries of tenure are stipulated, Titular Fellowships will be tenable in any Commonwealth country other than that in which the applicant works, for up to a maximum of six months, either at a university in ACU membership or in industry, commerce or public service.

Those working in universities may hold a Fellowship in either another ACU member university abroad or in industry, commerce or public service abroad; but those working in industry, commerce or public service can hold a Fellowship only at an ACU member university abroad.

VALUE

Up to GBP 5,000 according to the actual programme, and intended to cover:

- international return airfare at the lowest available economy class rate and by the most direct route;
- ground travel to home airport and from airport abroad to final destination;
- medical insurance;
- local travel abroad; and
- board and lodging fees (where the approved programme includes a formal training programme).

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- be on the staff of, or a nominee of, a university in membership of ACU (external nominees should be working in industry, commerce or public service in a Commonwealth country);
- be of proven high ability; and
- submit an acceptable programme of work outlining its purposes and scope and the benefits which it is expected to bring to the country, the university and the individual.

Please note that only applications received from institutions in full ACU membership will be considered eligible. Applications from institutions in arrears with subscription payments at the time of the selection meeting will not be considered.

RESTRICTIONS

Fellowships are not intended for degree courses, or for immediately postdoctoral programmes; they cannot be held in the country in which the applicant currently works and they cannot be held concurrently with other awards except with the special permission of the ACU. The ACU cannot arrange Fellows' attachments, travel or accommodation, nor can it work out itineraries for them.

Applicants should be aware that Titular Fellowships allow for small scale conference attendance within a study programme but that applications will NOT be considered for study programmes where the primary or sole purpose is the attendance of the applicant at a major international conference.

The purpose and nature of the programme is such that the ACU does not expect to be invited to meet requests for bench fees or research support grants.

REPORT

Within six months of the end of an award, award holders must send to the ACU a report of 1,000 to 2,500 words on his/her tenure of the Fellowship. The ACU will reserve the right to make whatever public use it chooses of the whole or part of any material contained in a Fellow's report.

SELECTION

Selection for the 2015-2016 awards will be made by the ACU's special selection committee and candidates will be informed of its decisions within two months from the deadline date, or as soon as possible thereafter.

APPLICATIONS

Application forms should be completed online at https://fs19.formsite.com/The_ACU/Titular_Fellowships_2015/index.html. For offline forms, please contact acuawards@acu.ac.uk

Please note: Applications for Titular Fellowships will be considered only if the applicant is supported by the Executive Head (Vice-Chancellor, President or Rector) of a university in ACU membership.

Applications which do not include confirmation of support from the home institution will not be deemed eligible for consideration for an award.

Applicants working in an ACU member university must be supported by the Executive Head of that university or of their host university. Applicants from industry, commerce, or public service must be supported by the Executive Head of the ACU member university at which they plan to work if the Executive Head judges it to be in the interests of his/her university to propose a non-academic candidate for a programme abroad.

CLOSING DATE

Applications should be completed online so as to reach the ACU no later than 20 June 2015.