Cumberland Lodge Fellowships
2023-25
Application pack
Nurturing emerging thought leaders and changemakers

Each year, Cumberland Lodge offers 10 UK-based doctoral students from universities across the country a unique opportunity to develop their potential as emerging thought leaders and changemakers. Through a two-year association with us, designed to fit around and enhance doctoral studies, Cumberland Lodge Fellows deepen their understanding of pressing social issues and develop new skills in communication, public engagement, interdisciplinary working, leadership, networking, and convening and facilitating discussions. We hope, too, that our relationship continues beyond the two years, and former Fellows are invited back regularly to take part in our activities and encouraged to act as ambassadors for Cumberland Lodge.
About Cumberland Lodge

Cumberland Lodge is an educational charity which convenes discussions on pressing issues in society. We also host public-facing educational, cultural, and social events. Involving young people – including our Fellows – in all that we do is a priority for us.

Our Fellows join a growing international and inter-generational movement for social progress and are given numerous opportunities to connect with others who share a commitment for using their intellectual and other abilities to work for the betterment of society.
In your first year as a Fellow, you would be required to take part in the annual Fellows’ Retreat (8-10 September 2023), one policy-focused conference at Cumberland Lodge or one policy-focused consultation at St George’s House in Windsor Castle, and participate in the monthly Fellows’ webinar.

You would also be invited to the Commonwealth and International Students’ Christmas Conference (18-20 December 2023), Cumberland Conversations, and the Annual Lecture at St George’s House.

During your first year, you may also have the opportunity to take part in the annual Shakespeare Study Retreat, Dialogue & Debate webinars, and to assist with a national outreach project on youth and democracy.
In your second year as a Fellow

In your second year as a Fellow, you would be required to take part in the annual Fellows’ Retreat in September 2024, one policy-focused conference at Cumberland Lodge or one policy-focused consultation at St George’s House, a monthly Fellows’ webinar, and the annual Life Beyond the PhD conference in August 2025.

As a second-year Fellow, you would also be invited to the annual Fellows’ Reunion and Cumberland Lodge Open Day, the Annual Debate, Cumberland Conversations, and the Annual Lecture at St George’s House.

During your second year, you may also have the opportunity to take part in the annual Shakespeare Study Retreat, Dialogue & Debate webinars, and to assist with a national outreach project on youth and democracy.
During your Fellowship, you would be entitled to apply for a Personal Development Grant of £300, to be used creatively for promoting social progress. You would also have the opportunity to book stays at Cumberland Lodge at a heavily discounted rate, if you would like to arrange your own personal retreats in Windsor Great Park.

When attending events as a part of your Fellowship, we provide meals and accommodation at Cumberland Lodge and reimburse your travel expenses within the UK, to support your participation in our activities.
Each year, one of the Fellows is nominated by the Council for At-Risk Academics (Cara), which provides urgently needed help to academics in immediate danger, including those forced into exile.

As well as events at Cumberland Lodge, Fellows take part in consultations convened by St George’s House, an organisation that seeks to nurture wisdom through dialogue.
The Fellowship is open to anyone early in their careers who will be studying for a doctorate (of any discipline) at a university in the UK for the duration of the Fellowship, and who is resident in the UK. In selecting Fellows, we consider not only academic ability, but breadth of academic and other interests, leadership potential, and evidence of a commitment to working for the betterment of society. If you are currently registered for a Masters degree and hope to study for a doctorate, you are not yet eligible to apply. If you are on an agreed pathway for doctoral study but have not yet transferred from Masters to doctoral status, you may apply, providing that your supervisor can confirm that you are already working to doctoral standard.

We positively encourage applications from eligible candidates regardless of gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity. We also encourage applications from those who are differently-abled or neurodiverse, and are happy to make reasonable accommodations to support your participation.
To apply for a 2023-25 Cumberland Lodge Fellowship, please download and complete the application form and return it to fellows2023@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk by 12noon on Wednesday 31 May 2023.

If you are shortlisted for interview you will be informed by Wednesday 7 June and interviews will take place online via Zoom on Wednesday 22 June 2023. Please note that, due to the high number of anticipated applications, we are unable to provide feedback if you are not invited to interview. If you have not heard back from us by Thursday 8 June, we regret that you have not been shortlisted for interview.

If you have any questions that are not answered above, please email us at: programmeteam@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk

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