Cumberland Lodge Fellowships
2022-24
Application Pack
Our two-year fellowships are designed to fit around, and enhance, your doctoral studies. Every year, Cumberland Lodge offers 10 doctoral students enrolled at universities across the UK the chance to deepen their understanding of pressing social issues and develop new skills in communication, public engagement and interdisciplinary working, through the renowned Cumberland Lodge Fellowship scheme. One of these Fellows is nominated by the Council for At-Risk Academics (Cara).

What’s in it for me?
A Cumberland Lodge Fellowship offers a unique opportunity to take part in digital and physical discussions and activities outside of your academic discipline, gaining valuable experience in:

- public engagement and event facilitation
- working collaboratively with people of all ages, backgrounds, sectors and perspectives
- engaging in interdisciplinary discussions and debates on pressing issues facing society
- contributing to practical recommendations for positive action and policy change
- tailoring your writing style to suit a range of different audiences
- enhancing your personal development, with support from Cumberland Lodge staff and trustees
- hosting or contributing to panel discussions and/or podcasts and webinars
- engaging with our extensive networks in academia and public life.

You will also have the chance to apply for a £300 Personal Development Grant, to use creatively for promoting progress towards more peaceful, open and inclusive societies.

Additional benefits include:

- meals and accommodation provided whilst staying with us for Fellowship activities
- return, economy-rate travel expenses within the UK reimbursed, to support participation in Fellowship activities
- use of Lodge facilities at a discounted rate
- attending our extensive networks in academia and public life.

What’s involved?
Cumberland Lodge Fellows play an active part in our work over two years, by being involved in our conferences, consultations, seminars, report launches and retreats, with support from Cumberland Lodge staff. This may include:

- leading workshops and/or chairing panel discussions
- taking part in cross-sector discussions
- proactively networking with fellow delegates at Cumberland Lodge events
- supporting Cumberland Lodge staff with event facilitation
- writing engaging newsletter articles and blog posts
- supporting the promotion of our programmes and outputs to the wider public.

Fellows commit to:

- taking part in several of our online and physical events, including: occasional webinars and podcasts; Cumberland Conversations; conferences, consultations, seminars, report launches and retreats; an annual weekend Fellows’ Retreat in the autumn; and our Life Beyond the PhD Conference (second year Fellows)
- contributing to the ongoing development of our programme of events and activities
- being an ambassador for Cumberland Lodge and helping to raise awareness about our work and programmes.

Eligibility
To take part in our competitive application process, you must demonstrate that you are:

- committed to promoting more peaceful, open and inclusive societies, through your academic research and/or other activities
- committed to enabling social progress
- studying for a doctorate at a UK university (in any academic discipline or area of study), for the duration of the Fellowship period* (expected completion not before June 2024)
- able to provide the names of two referees (one academic, i.e. your doctoral supervisor, and one non-academic) who will vouch for your eligibility and support your application
- able to attend the initial residential Fellows’ Retreat at Cumberland Lodge, on 9-11 September 2022
- committed to the full two-year programme (even if you complete your doctorate before August 2024).

You should also demonstrate an openness to working across disciplines and engaging with a wide range of subject matters, and explain how you think a Cumberland Lodge Fellowship will benefit your work and life, both now and in the future.

* Please note:
- We accept all types of doctoral study equally, including full-time, part-time and non-traditional pathways or professional doctorate programmes. You will most likely (but not necessarily) be in the first year of your doctorate.
- If you are currently registered for a Master’s degree and hope to go on to study for a doctorate, you are not yet eligible to apply.
- If you are on an agreed pathway to doctoral study, but have not yet transferred from Master’s to doctoral status, you are eligible to apply, providing your supervisor can confirm you are already working to doctoral standard, as part of your application.
More about us

Cumberland Lodge is a charity based in a 17th-century former Royal residence in Windsor Great Park. We were founded in the aftermath of World War II, with the support of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (The Queen Mother), and we have been providing transformative experiences for students for 75 years. Our Patron is Her Majesty The Queen.

Since 1947, we have been breaking down ‘silo thinking’ and building networks with the power to make a difference. Our founder Amy Buller, author of Darkness over Germany (1943), envisioned a place where people would ‘examine the fundamental assumptions’ behind complex challenges facing society, and that remains at the heart of what we do. We empower people, through dialogue and debate, to understand and address the root causes and effects of social division.

We convene multi-sector conferences, panel discussions and study retreats that engage people of all ages, backgrounds and perspectives in candid conversations, on issues relating to social cohesion that affect us all. We embrace ‘difficult conversations’ and bring inter-generational and multi-sector perspectives, as well as an ethical dimension, to all of our work, supporting people to ‘disagree well’.

Read more at: cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/about-us

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we increased our digital programme of webinars and introduced a virtual conference model, allowing us to respond to specific pressing issues of social cohesion, as they arise. This has also allowed us to expand our reach, both within the UK and abroad.

Our work in 2021/22 includes: articulating youth perspectives on the global environmental crisis; policing and criminal justice approaches to addressing historical wrongs in the wake of large-scale past harms or injustices; working with the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner (IASC) to commission independent research and convene a multi-agency conference on practitioner responses to child trafficking in the UK; and convening a cross-sector interdisciplinary conference to better understand the underlying issues around social mobility and rethink best ways to improve.

Details of our upcoming events are available here, and all our recent conference briefings, reports, guest blog posts and audio-visual resources can be found here.

How to apply

To apply for a 2022-24 Cumberland Lodge Fellowship, please download and complete the application form here, and return it to: fellows2022@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk

Applications must be received by 12noon on Friday 8 April 2022.

If you are shortlisted for interview you will be informed by Tuesday 26 April, and interviews will take place online via Zoom on Thursday 5 May 2022. 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 Tuesday 26 April, 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