# Visiting Research Fellow: GCC Energy Policy and Economics

The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES) invites applications for Visiting Research Fellowships to work on short-term, self-directed studies on the energy policy, energy economics and the political economy of energy in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states. The Fellowship aims to enable academics, researchers and practitioners to spend a period of time conducting specific research at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies. The appointment is for a period of up to six months during which time a pre-agreed project will be completed by the Visiting Research Fellow.

1. The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES) is a Recognized Independent Centre of the University of Oxford. It was founded in 1982 as an independent centre for advanced research in the economic and social science aspects of energy. The Institute is committed to achieving the highest academic standards. Oxford University and three of its colleges – St Antony’s, St Catherine’s and Nuffield – are Members of the Institute and occupy seats on the Board of Governors.

There are currently 11 core academic staff and a further 14 research staff members engaged in various research projects across the Institute’s Oil, Gas & Electricity Programmes. The Institute has 33 senior research advisors drawn from a variety of backgrounds; industry, academia, journalism and elsewhere. Further information can be found at: <http://www.oxfordenergy.org>

1. The successful applicant will have:
2. a postgraduate degree, or equivalent experience, with a background in the social sciences (economics, politics or international relations or closely related disciplines)
3. a strong interest in energy issues related but not limited to energy policy, energy economics and the political economy of energy in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states
4. strong analytical skills and the ability to screen research proposals
5. the ability to work on their own (self-starter) and with a team of established research fellows
6. the ability to present OIES research effectively to fellow professionals in academia and industry and other informed members of the public
7. The fellowship covers all areas of energy research within the GCC states, with a focus on energy policy, energy economics and the political economy of energy, including international relations between producers and consumers of energy; the economic development of producing nations and the geo-political aspects of all these issues alongside the economics and politics of the environment in relation to energy; climate change and sustainable energy sector development, alternative energy options for the GCC (renewables, nuclear power, etc.) and demand-management strategies.
8. Those appointed are expected to be strong candidates who can demonstrate an academic background sufficient to confirm their ability to complete the proposed programme of research. We encourage Visiting Research Fellows to participate fully in the research life of the OIES and its multiple research programmes, for instance through attending staff meetings and research seminars run by the Institute and the University of Oxford, and other events related to their research. We also encourage Visiting Fellows to present their own work at an OIES seminar if this is practicably possible.
9. The person appointed will hold the title of Visiting Research Fellow for the duration of their engagement.
10. Conditions of Visiting Fellowship

The Fellowship has a small financial award associated with it. The amount of the award is variable and will be discussed with any successful applicant on an individual basis.

There will be three awards per academic year.

The appointee will not be considered to be an employee of the Institute for purposes of UK employment law. The Institute will not contribute to pension funds, sick pay or provide other benefits on behalf of the appointee.

The successful candidate will have access to the library, and will receive desk space at OIES and administrative support.

The appointee does not have to be based in Oxford for the period of the award but is required to travel to Oxford on a regular basis to discuss research progress with their supervisor, as designated by the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies.

1. The appointee must have a visa that covers the period of the Fellowship and is appropriate to their participation in the Fellowship.

**How to apply**

Applications, with a detailed curriculum vitae, a covering letter, which addresses the selection criteria, and names and contact details of two referees (please see below), should be sent to:

The Administrator

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Oxford, OX2 6FA

Email [kate.teasdale@oxfordenergy.org](mailto:kate.teasdale@oxfordenergy.org)

**Please do not send reference letters or any additional documents, other than the requested material, with your initial application.**

Email applications are acceptable (please send these to the address above). There is no need to send a hard copy in addition to an email application.

There is no closing date for applications.

Applicants should include their daytime telephone number and the names and addresses of two persons to whom reference may be made. At least one of those named as a referee should have direct experience of the candidate’s work, either as an academic adviser, a manager or through a sustained period of professional interaction. It would be helpful if candidates could indicate the capacity in which their referees have gained knowledge of their work.

## Equal Opportunities Statement

As an Equal Opportunity employer, we positively encourage applications from people of different backgrounds. All our jobs are filled in line with our equal opportunities code of practice, which helps us make sure that men and women, people of different religions or beliefs, racial groups, and those with disabilities are all treated fairly.

## Policy Statement

The policy and practice of OIES require that all staff are afforded equal opportunities within employment and that entry into employment with OIES and progression within employment will be determined only by personal merit and the application of criteria which are related to the duties of each particular post and the relevant salary structure. In all cases, ability to perform the job will be the primary consideration. Subject to statutory provisions, no applicant or member of staff will be treated less favourably than another because of his or her sex, marital or civil partnership status, sexual orientation, religion or belief, racial group, or disability.

## Data protection

OIES reserves the right to screen individuals for employment. Any such screening would be discussed with an individual in advance of it taking place.

All data supplied by applicants will be used only for the purposes of determining their suitability for the post, and will be held in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998.

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