

Yusuf Hamied Visiting Fellowships – Guidance notes

Background

The Royal Society Yusuf Hamied Programme for India is designed to support the exchange of expertise between the international scientific community and India, led by Fellows of the Royal Society. It supports the Royal Society's mission to promote excellence in science and the application of science for the benefit of humanity. The programme is generously supported by the Yusuf and Farida Hamied Foundation.

In 2024, the Yusuf Hamied Visiting Fellowships will enable four Fellows and Foreign Members of the Royal Society to make visits to India of between 3 to 12 weeks. The Yusuf Hamied Visiting Fellowships cover a weekly travel grant of £1,000 and return flights up to a maximum of £5,000.

Eligibility

Applications are open to all Fellows and Foreign Members of the Royal Society. Applicants cannot be a member of the Society's Council, the awarding body for the scheme.

Application

Applications should outline the length of stay, amount requested, a schedule of activities and set out how the visit will achieve the aim of the scheme to '*support the exchange of expertise between scientific communities in the UK and India*' giving reference to planned and proposed activities as well as longer term outcomes for the visit.

Applications should be submitted by email to the [Yusuf Hamied Programme](#) by **Friday 31 October 2025 at 3pm**.

Please contact us with any queries via YusufHamiedProgramme@royalsociety.org.

Selection

Applications will be reviewed by a group of members of Council of the Royal Society and up to four applicants will be selected for the Visiting Fellowships this year. If more than four applications are received, a decision will be made based on the research areas covered in the application, the range of partner organisations, locations proposed, and the quality and impact of the anticipated outcomes. The breadth and diversity of applicants will also be taken into consideration. The decision of the Royal Society is final.

Visits

The awards will be allocated in January 2026 and the visits should take place in the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.

The Royal Society will support Visiting Fellows in arranging their return flights via its travel agency (up to a maximum of £5,000 with the option of booking business class). The Visiting Fellows will be expected to arrange their own visas, travel insurance and accommodation while in India.

If a visit lasts more than 6 weeks (but less than 12 weeks) and the Visiting Fellow wishes to return to the UK during the Fellowship for family or work commitments, more than one set of flights can be booked

up to a maximum contribution of £5,000 for all flight costs. Additional costs for travel incurred above £5,000 must be met by the Visiting Fellow and/or their institution.

The weekly travel grant of £1,000 is expected to cover any accommodation, in-country travel, insurance, visas and subsistence costs as well as any project, activity or research costs. Any additional costs incurred above this travel grant must be met by the Visiting Fellow and/or their institution. Visiting Fellows will be expected to arrange their own travel insurance and visa.

The full travel grant amount awarded will be paid to the Visiting Fellow approximately four weeks in advance of travel. Visiting Fellows should check with their bank in advance of travel that they can access the money once in India.

Reporting

Returning Visiting Fellows will be asked to provide a short report (up to 1,000 words) outlining the main highlights of their visit and how their visit supported the exchange of expertise between scientific communities in the UK and India within six weeks of return. Visiting Fellows may also be asked to provide feedback on the scheme to improve future implementation.

Employment

The Society will not become an employer of the Visiting Fellow or any other third party as a result of the provision of this Award. The award holder and any related Host organisation should consider their employment & tax status as a result of receiving the award and should comply with all other relevant laws and regulations.

Data Protection

- a. The Society will use information provided in the application for processing the application, making any consequential award, for the payment, monitoring, maintenance and review of the Award and general Society business.
- b. To meet the Society's obligations for public accountability and the dissemination of information, details of Awards are also to be made available on the Society's website and other publicly available databases, and in reports, documents and mailing lists.
- c. Following completion of the Award, the Society may contact the Award Holder concerning funding opportunities or events, or for the purposes of monitoring and evaluation. In some instances, the Society may wish to authorise an affiliate person or organisation to contact the Award Holder on its behalf.

Indemnities

The Visiting Fellows shall indemnify the Society from all claims, liability costs, proceedings, damages and expenses awarded against, or incurred by, the Society as a result of any breach of negligent or delayed performance of this Award.