# **Global Humanities Travel Scheme Funding Call (Round 5)**

The Global Humanities Initiative is a collaboration between the **University of Cambridge** and universities in China (**Fudan, Nanjing**), India (**Ashoka**), the Middle East (**American University of Beirut**), Latin America (**Universidad Diego Portales, Chile**), West Africa (**University of Ghana**) and Turkey (**Sabanci University**). It seeks to advance the Humanities as a common enterprise, incorporating traditional and new ways of scholarship and developing novel ways of teaching and researching.

One of the goals of its current development phase is to foster staff mobility between institutions. The **UDP-Cambridge Global Humanities Staff Mobility Scheme** is designed to provide funding for scholarly exchange between **Diego Portales University** and the **University of Cambridge** that leads to joint teaching ventures (primarily but not exclusively at post-graduate level) and/or to build the basis for new research initiatives which can lead to larger-scale opportunities/collaborations in the future.

We particularly welcome applications that enable students and researchers to understand and interrogate new ideas and foster a greater plurality of voices in the scholarly community.

The scheme is intended to cover academic disciplines in the **School of Arts and Humanities at Cambridge** - <https://www.csah.cam.ac.uk> , as well as the **Faculty of History**, at Cambridge, and in the following Faculties and Departments at **Diego Portales** - <https://diegoportalesuniversity.udp.cl/> : **Center for the Humanities**, **Institute of Philosophy**, **Faculty of Social Sciences and History, Faculty of Communication and Literature, and Faculty of Architecture, Arts and Desing.**

# Eligibility

Given our aim of establishing long-lasting collaborations between Cambridge and our partner universities, **the scheme is only open to faculty members formally employed by Diego Portales University.**

* **Activities supported**

The funding will be used to fund visits that will lead to:

* Joint teaching ventures (from partial team-teaching to fully co-designed and taught courses) [essential]
* Joint research collaborations [desirable]

# Costs

* **Diego Portales University** will cover the costs of travel, visa, accommodation and subsistence pro rata for between two and four weeks. Together with our partner universities we have worked out appropriate packages for each destination. Successful applicants will receive full details when they receive their award.

**Ineligible costs:**

* Direct costs of conferences, workshops and seminars
* Direct costs of research projects
* Salaries or other stipends

# Hosting

It is important that visiting scholars are properly hosted. To that end, academic hosts and host departments should be identified at the application stage. If you have an idea for a proposal, but do not have the appropriate contacts at the other institution, please contact the academic leads of the other institution as soon as possible who will be very happy to assist with identifying suitable partners:

* For Cambridge: Global Humanities Directors - [GlobalHumanities@admin.cam.ac.uk](mailto:GlobalHumanities@admin.cam.ac.uk)

Host departments will be responsible for issuing letters of invitation for visa applications and undertaking any other standard visiting scholar arrangements and processes that may be in place in their institution.

As a minimum, visiting scholars will be expected to give a research talk. Other activities such as organising a workshop or a small conference, writing papers, joint teaching, etc. are encouraged and will form part of the assessment of applications.

# How to apply

The application form requires applicants to:

* Provide a project description which includes the intellectual rationale, objectives, and plan of activities (300 words); and a description of the longer-term benefits to both institutions (200 words).
* The title of a research talk to be given within the host department
* CV of applicant (limit of 2 pages per CV)
* Brief statement of support from applicant’s department
* Brief statement of support from hosting department

**Application forms** should be submitted to: Manuel Vicuna - [manuel.vicuna@udp.cl](mailto:manuel.vicuna@udp.cl)

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The deadline for applications is 10 November 2025

# Selection process and criteria

We are especially interested to fund academics who:

* make the case for the strategic importance of the visit to the overall goals of the Global Humanities Initiative in relation to teaching and research;
* establish the basis for future collaboration;
* emphasize new connections and collaborations (where connections already exist, the application should provide information about the envisaged new directions);
* show how the collaboration might be sustained and developed beyond the term of the seed funding;
* enhance the international programming aspirations of home departments.

\* A committee comprising **Cambridge and Diego Portales University** members will jointly determine which applications will be funded.

# Timeline

* Selection committees will meet at the end of November with notifications coming soon after.
* Applicants should plan to spend the funds within the academic year.
* If the visit ultimately does not proceed or is shorter than applied, unspent funding should be returned to the scheme.

# Reporting

As a condition of the award, each awardee will be asked to provide a brief report (up to 2 sides of A4) on the outcomes of the visit, within two months of its ending.

Reports should discuss the aims of the visit, the extent to which they have been achieved, and the expected next steps, along with a statement of expenditure.