



Kuwait-MIT Center

for Natural Resources and the Environment
at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology



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Call for Applications

Kuwait Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research at MIT

Rolling Deadline

The Kuwait-MIT Center for Natural Resources and the Environment (CNRE) invites postdoctoral research applications in:

- energy
- water
- economics and management of natural resources
- sustainable development & urban planning
- environmental sciences
- health sciences and technologies

Applications outside these areas may be considered.

The fellowship is intended to provide talented and promising individuals from Kuwait, with outstanding technical skills and a recently earned doctorate, the opportunity to conduct independent research in advanced scientific and technological areas at MIT, under the supervision of MIT faculty members. Successful candidates are selected based on their demonstrated academic achievements, clarity of goals, strong interest, and commitment to push the frontiers of knowledge of their disciplines.

Fellowships are initially awarded for one year and may continue up to two years, subject to annual review. Each Fellow receives a \$50,000 annual stipend, prorated accordingly. Awardees would be appointed [Postdoctoral Fellows](#) at MIT.

Eligibility:

1. An earned doctorate by, or within four years of, the start date.
2. Has no more than two years of postdoctoral research experience by the start date.
3. Must be a citizen of Kuwait.
4. Meets requirements for J Exchange Visitor Visa.

Application requirements:

1. Cover letter (1 page): Describe application objectives and how this opportunity helps you achieve your long-term career plans.
2. Research statement (2-3 pages):
 - a. Research interests and objectives: Describe the research you propose to be conducted in some detail. Explain why you feel you are qualified to perform this research, and how you would benefit from conducting it at MIT.

- b. Your statement should indicate the MIT faculty member who you feel could be the best mentor, discussing the relevant research work of the MIT faculty member that you feel is most relevant to you. You are ultimately responsible for obtaining the faculty member's endorsement of your proposed research.
3. Nomination letter from an MIT faculty member agreeing to be your postdoctoral mentor and endorsing your research plan and timeline.
4. Two letters of recommendation from current or past supervisors and professors who can attest to the applicant's strengths.
5. Detailed CV that includes a full list of publications.
6. Copies of up to three publications which you consider best represent your work.
7. Must propose a tentative timeline for the appointment, with a commitment to at least one year.

Application timeline:

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| 1. Submission: | October 27, 2014 – June 1, 2015 |
| 2. Rolling deadline: | Completed applications are reviewed monthly |
| 3. Interview invitations: | Within two weeks of initial review for selected applicants |
| 4. Decision notifications: | Decisions issued within two weeks of interview |
| 5. Appointment start date: | As early as 90 days from approval notice |

Application submission:

Please apply at the website: <http://cnre.mit.edu/postdoctoral-fellowship>

For more information:

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About the Center:

The Kuwait-MIT Center for Natural Resources and the Environment (CNRE) was established at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2005 – sponsored by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS). The Center brings together faculty, students, visiting students and scientists to improve scientific and technical understanding of natural resources & the environment issues, and related challenges. The Center also fosters collaborative research between MIT and institutions in Kuwait through grant programs (<http://cnre.mit.edu>).

