



Kuwait-MIT Center

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



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Call for Applications Scholarly Exchange Fellowship

Rolling Deadline

The Kuwait-MIT Center for Natural Resources and the Environment (CNRE) invites applications for Scholarly Exchange Fellowships 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 fellowships are intended to foster collaborative research by providing scientists and scholars from Kuwait, with demonstrated track record in the aforementioned areas, an opportunity to visit with their counterparts at MIT and engage in related cutting-edge on-campus research activities and to initiate collaborative research. Fellows are appointed as [Visiting Scientists](#) at MIT. Individuals with a recently earned doctorate may instead apply to our separate postdoctoral research program.

Fellowships are awarded for a period of 12 months providing a \$32,000 stipend to cover living and travel expenses. Shorter visits of at least 4 months may be considered – stipend prorated accordingly.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant is employed by an institution, other than MIT, and must maintain employment status throughout their residence time at MIT.
2. Applicant is typically a university faculty member or research staff member, including researchers coming from industry.
3. Holds a graduate degree; minimum MS, PhD preferred.
4. Must be a citizen of Kuwait.
5. Meets requirements for J Exchange Visitor Visa.

Application requirements:

1. Cover letter (1 page): Purpose and objectives of application.
2. Research statement (2-3 pages):
 - a. Research interests and objectives: Describe in detail the proposed work to be pursued during the duration of the fellowship and expected outcome.

- b. The statement must identify an MIT faculty member with whom the collaboration is to be conducted. The applicant is ultimately responsible for seeking and obtaining the endorsement of the proposed research by the MIT faculty member.
3. Nomination letter from an MIT faculty member agreeing to be your host, and endorsing the application scope and timeline.
4. Two letters of support from current or past supervisors and colleagues who can attest to the candidate's strengths and employment status.
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 specific timeline for the visit (4 months minimum).

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/visiting-programs/scholarly-exchange-fellowship>

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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>).

