

# Cambridge Interfaith Programme

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## Armenian–Turkish relations Call for research proposals

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Early career researchers (within 5 years of PhD degree) are invited to submit proposals for projects on Armenian-Turkish relations with a contemporary focus.

Applications across social sciences and humanities are eligible, such as political science, economics, sociology, anthropology, modern history and religious studies.

Subject to the approval of the Faculty Board, researchers will obtain a one-year visiting scholar position at the Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, and be affiliated to Cambridge Interfaith Programme. Their work will receive feedback from senior academics and policy specialists, with mentors assigned to each researcher.

Researchers will be required to participate in an online workshop on 3 October 2022 and a multi-day workshop at the University of Cambridge in March 2023. Researchers will also be invited to take part in other training and dissemination events throughout 2022–2023, under the auspices of Cambridge Interfaith Programme.

**The application deadline** is midday on 9 September 2022 (BST).  
Applications should be sent to [relations@divinity.cam.ac.uk](mailto:relations@divinity.cam.ac.uk).



## Eligibility

All researchers who hold a PhD degree or have successfully passed their viva by the time of the application and have received their degree after 1 September 2017 are eligible. All PhD candidates, who have already submitted their PhD work, are also eligible, provided that the research project to be submitted for this call is not part of their PhD project. Applications may be made by independent scholars who also fulfil the above-mentioned conditions.

## What types of projects are eligible?

All projects within the field of social sciences and humanities that focus on relations between Armenians, Turks, and other communities that have surrounded them are eligible. The project must have a contemporary focus.

## How much funding is available?

Five grants of up to 14,000 GBP per applicant will be awarded. The awards are provided to cover the cost of the expenses arising from a defined research project.

## How will the payments be made?

Researchers will have their contracts directly with the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. Pending final approval, researchers will receive one payment at the beginning and one payment at the end, after the delivery of the outputs. These funds will be made available to the researchers directly from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon.

## How long should the projects last?

The funding period will end in July 2023.

## What are the deliverables/outputs?

The grantees should agree to take part in the two workshops at the beginning and the end of the funding period. The researchers should have submitted a research paper for publication in an academic journal, disseminated policy recommendations (normally through a policy paper submitted/available online or through a policy magazine), and have one newspaper article detailing research results to a non-expert audience published by the end of the funding period.

## What support is provided?

The University of Cambridge will arrange training to support researchers in writing for a general audience (including newspaper articles) and communicating with policymakers, supporting the development of deliverables for these audiences.

Researchers will also have access to professional copy-editing support, subject to meeting agreed writing deadlines.

We recognise that some researchers will have little or no prior experience of engaging with policy audiences. The proposed route for disseminating policy recommendations will be reviewed on a project-by-project basis during the selection process. Proposals may then be further revised in conversation with mentors, the University of Cambridge, and an appointed policy consultant. Support will be provided in identifying suitable outlets. *An outline of key dates is provided below.*

## Application

The application should include:

- Project title
- Full name of researcher (applicant)
- Summary of the project (maximum 300 words)
- Detailed project description (maximum 4000 words) that includes:
  - the research question,
  - the state of the art in the respective area of research,
  - methodology,
  - contribution of the project to scholarly research,
  - potential contribution of the project to Armenian-Turkish relations,
  - the anticipated outputs, impact, and the target audiences.
- Work plan (with reference to the deadlines in the **Outline of key dates**, below)
- An up-to-date C.V. including the date of award of your PhD.

**Applicants should also ask one referee to send a letter directly (to [relations@divinity.cam.ac.uk](mailto:relations@divinity.cam.ac.uk)) by the application deadline.**

## Assessment

The projects will be evaluated by a panel of senior researchers and policy specialists who will assess the projects on the following criteria.

- Originality
- Scholarly importance
- Suitability of the method
- Feasibility and the specificity of the research programme
- Intended outputs and impact
- Potential contribution to Armenian–Turkish relations
- Relevance for policy outlets / audiences

## A note on eligibility

Beneficiaries of the previous scheme (2021–2022) are eligible to apply. However, the scheme seeks to build capacity for individual early career researchers through skills-based training and networking opportunities. For this reason, preference may be given to newcomers who can derive greater benefit. Scholars from the initial cohort may participate in some training opportunities and in the March workshop (provided certain conditions are met).

## Outline of key dates

The following information is given to assist applicants with scheduling. A more detailed set of dates will be shared with scholars as part of the induction.

2022	
September	<b>9.9</b>    Application deadline (midday BST) <b>20.9</b>    Selection panel meets
October	<b>3.10</b>    Induction session <b>No set date:</b> Sign contract with Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (CGF). (Required for initial payment.) <b>No set date:</b> <i>1-to-1 meeting with academic mentor</i>
November	<b>7.11</b>    Training: Media 1 <b>No set date:</b> <i>1-to-1 meeting with policy mentor</i>
December	<b>5.12</b>    Training: Media 2
2023	
January	<b>9.1</b>    <i>Peer support sessions begin (monthly)</i>
March	<b>13.3</b>    Submit research paper (work-in-progress) for pre-workshop circulation <b>Week beginning 27.3*</b>    Workshop with University of Cambridge, to include Policy training & networking day at Chatham House, London; <i>it is expected that this event will span three days. *To be confirmed.</i>
April	<b>15.4</b>    Submit draft journal articles (up to 9000 word) to copy editor
June	<b>5.6</b>    Peer-to-peer feedback on policy (training session) <b>30.6</b>    Journal articles returned by copy editor (with feedback)

July	<b>28.7</b>    Outputs to be submitted to outlets and/or agreed dissemination pathway completed. NB <i>Newspaper / general audience articles must be published to qualify.</i>
August	<b>By month end:</b> Submit final narrative report to CGF.
September	<b>By month end:</b> Final payment, from CGF.

Online training and activities for Visiting Scholars will normally take place on Mondays. Cambridge Interfaith Programme also offers an afternoon seminar programme on alternate Tuesdays (hybrid) and other events under the auspices of Cambridge Interfaith Research Forum. Membership of the Forum is available to Visiting Scholars on an opt-in basis.

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