



LINDEMANN TRUST FELLOWSHIPS

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NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

ABOUT

The English-Speaking Union offers up to three grants a year worth \$50,000 each for postdoctoral scientists to carry out research in the USA. The Lindemann Trust Fellowships are awarded to graduates of exceptional promise in both the pure and applied physical sciences, who have shown capacity for producing original research.

The Lindemann Trust supports research in the fields of Astronomy, Biophysics, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology, Geophysics, Mathematics and Physics.

BRIGADIER CHARLES LINDEMANN

The ESU has offered the Lindemann Trust Fellowships since March 1972, following a bequest of £1,000,000 from Brigadier Charles Lindemann. Born in Scotland, Brigadier Lindemann trained as a physicist with his brother Lord Cherwell in Berlin, before serving in the British Army during the First World War, and at the British Embassy in Washington during the Second World War. In his will, Brigadier Lindemann directed that his residual estate be used to assist men and women with outstanding potential to become distinguished scholars or teachers in their chosen field.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to apply, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Hold British, Irish or Commonwealth citizenship AND be normally resident in the UK
- Either be in the final stages of your doctoral studies at a UK university, or have completed your doctorate at a UK university within the last three academic years

RESTRICTIONS:

Fellowships may not be held concurrently with any other research grant or scholarship.

Applications from candidates who currently hold, or have held, a full-time stipendiary research post within the last year at an institution in the US will not be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The 2019-20 application closing date is Monday, 11 February 2019. Please complete the online application form available at esu.org/lindemann.

Candidates are responsible for ensuring that two confidential academic references are sent separately to the ESU before the application closing date. It could be to the candidate's advantage to provide at least one reference that is independent of the candidate's current institution. References must be emailed to education@esu.org. An electronic version of the reference form is available at www.esu.org/lindemann.

Candidates must also provide a letter of endorsement from their chosen US institution, stating that the institution is able to provide the appropriate facility for the candidate to undertake their proposed research. This must be uploaded in the relevant space on the application form.

Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held on Tuesday, 9 April 2019 at Dartmouth House, the International Headquarters of the ESU in London.

WHAT DOES A FELLOWSHIP COVER?

The Lindemann Trust Fellowships enable postdoctoral scientists to pursue research in the USA without financial difficulty, and without being obliged to take up paid employment (except for incidental teaching if applicable). Recent fellows have pursued research at universities and research institutions across the USA, including Harvard, Stanford, Duke, the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Alumni include Professor Roger Davies (former President of the Royal Astronomical Society) and Sir Graham Hills (physical Chemist and former Governor of the BBC).

Each fellowship amounts to \$50,000 per annum, paid quarterly by the ESU in equal instalments of \$12,500 each. Fellows are asked to notify the ESU at least three weeks before the next instalment is due. In addition, the ESU contributes £1,000 towards each Fellow's airfare, which may be used for an outward or return flight. Fellows must liaise with the ESU before booking their outward flight. You are responsible for obtaining appropriate insurance cover for your Fellowship in the USA.

WHEN COULD I TAKE UP MY FELLOWSHIP?

Each Fellowship lasts for one year, and must be taken up between September and April following your successful application. Fellows are expected to return to the UK within two years of the conclusion of their Fellowship for a period of at least two years. Applications for exemption from this ruling must be made to the Lindemann Trust Fellowships Committee.

VISAS

It is the Fellow's responsibility to obtain a visa for the year in the USA. Fellows should liaise with their host institution in the USA, which will provide the necessary documentation for obtaining the relevant visa. We recommend that Fellows leave plenty of time to arrange the visa as recent changes in regulations have made the process a lengthy one.

CONDITIONS

The conditions of each Fellowship are as follows. Fellows are required to:

- Take up their Fellowship between September and April following their successful application, and inform the ESU of their intended start date as soon as they have it.
- Inform the ESU of their planned date of return to the UK.
- Return to the UK within two years of the conclusion of their Fellowship for a period of at least two years. Applications for exemption from this ruling must be made to the Lindemann Trust Fellowship Committee.
- Send the ESU two short reports (750 words each) on their research and experiences, the first before April 2020, and the second within a month of completing their Fellowship.
- Send the ESU copies of any research papers that result from their Fellowship.
- Fully acknowledge their Lindemann Trust Fellowship in all papers and reports produced as a result of research carried out during the Fellowship.
- If asked, be prepared to give a talk to an ESU audience upon their return.

THE COMMITTEE

In commemoration of his brother's membership of Christ Church and Wadham Colleges, and the Royal Society, Brigadier Lindemann asked that they be specially represented on the selection committee. The Lindemann Committee is chaired by Professor James Raven, Governor of the ESU.

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