



LINDEMANN TRUST FELLOWSHIPS

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NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

ABOUT

The Lindemann Trust offers up to four 2-year fellowships, each worth \$50,000 a year, for post-doctoral scientists to carry out research in the USA. The Lindemann Trust Fellowships are designed as an early post-doctoral opportunity, and 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 Lindemann Trust has offered 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 students 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 (i.e. since 2018)

The Lindemann Trust is committed to increasing diversity in STEM and aims to promote and encourage this through its application process, regularly reviewing and revising it to ensure that all talented applicants have an equal chance of success. We are particularly keen to attract and support more applications from underrepresented groups, and candidates who fall into this category are therefore strongly encouraged to apply.

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 2021-2023 application closing date is **Monday, 8 February 2021**. Please complete the online application form available at www.esu.org/lindemann.

Candidates are responsible for ensuring that two confidential academic references are uploaded to the online portal 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. Notes for referees are 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.

We aim to hold interviews for shortlisted candidates in April. Successful candidates will be informed of more details accordingly following the closing date.

WHAT DOES A FELLOWSHIP COVER?

The Lindemann Trust Fellowships enable post-doctoral 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 \$100,000, paid quarterly by the English-Speaking Union in equal instalments of \$12,500 each over the two year period. Fellows are asked to notify the Lindemann Administrative Director at least three weeks before the next instalment is due. In addition, the ESU contributes £1,000 towards each Fellow's airfare. Fellows must inform the Lindemann Committee of their intended start date 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 two years, 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 Committee.

VISAS

It is the Fellow's responsibility to obtain a visa for their time 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 Lindemann Committee of their intended start date as soon as they have it.
- Inform the Lindemann Committee 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 Committee.
- Send the Lindemann Committee two interim reports on their research and experiences, due before the annual Committee meeting usually held in April, and one full report within a month of completing their Fellowship.
- Send the Lindemann Committee copies of any research papers that result from their Fellowship.
- Fully acknowledge their Lindemann Trust Fellowship in all presentations, publications, papers and reports produced as a result of research carried out during the Fellowship, making reference to both the Lindemann Committee and the English-Speaking Union.
- If asked, be prepared to give talks and presentations to an ESU US audience during their Fellowship, and take part in outreach events for schools 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, Chair of the ESU.

For more information, please see:

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