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Purpose
Our hallmark scheme, Bristol Benjamin Meaker Distinguished Visiting Professorships (BBMDVP), enables eminent international Professors to spend up to three months at the University working with their University of Bristol (UoB) Academic Host and our wider academic community to pursue world-leading, curiosity-driven research. The scheme is open to applications from any school or faculty within the University; the purpose of these awards is to bring distinguished international researchers to Bristol in order to enhance the research activity of the University in any field.

A visit to the UoB will encourage long-lasting international collaborations, with research outputs being one key indicator of success. We also hope that visitors will be open to working with UoB’s existing global network partnerships and to participating in funding bids. In addition to working with their host and host department colleagues, BBMDVPs will have opportunities to work with research-active UoB members at all levels, from postgraduate to emeriti, and they will have the chance to schedule a suite of internal and public-facing activities, from consultations and masterclasses to workshops, public lectures and performances. The Bristol Benjamin Meaker Distinguished Visiting Professorship scheme therefore offers fantastic mutual benefits for both the visitor and the host, and over time the cumulative effect of these international research collaborations will produce a truly global community of scholars.

Eligibility

University of Bristol Academic Hosts
All BBMDVPs are required to have a UoB Academic Host, and in turn these hosts must secure written approval from their Head of School or Department prior to submitting their application.

UoB Academic Hosts can be based in any school, department or faculty, and can be on any academic pathway (i.e. Pathway 1, 2 or 3). UoB hosts must be officially registered as an academic staff member at the University of Bristol for the full duration of the proposed visit, and would be expected to be in Bristol for the majority of the visitation period in order to effectively engage and collaborate with their Visiting Professor.

We would expect UoB Academic Hosts to be well established in their fields, and would usually be at Professorial level.

Distinguished Visiting Professors
BBMDVPs can be from any recognised research organisation outside of the United Kingdom. As with UoB Academic Hosts they can be from any disciplinary field, and on any academic development pathway.

BBMDVPs should be recognised experts in their research fields, with Professorial status. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of academics against the assessment criteria below, and applicants will therefore be required to provide sufficient evidence of the Visitor’s
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academic calibre and their potential for delivering research excellence in collaboration with their UoB Academic Host(s). This evidence could include, for example:

- A strong track record of high-profile peer-reviewed publications in leading journals.
- Experience leading major research consortia and/or programmes, ideally with international partners and collaborators.
- Evidence of being a sought-after keynote speaker for high-profile events.
- Evidence of economic, societal and/or cultural impact, including both instrumental (such as influencing the development of policy, practice and/or service provision) and/or conceptual (such as reframing policy debates and/or increasing awareness of an issue in civil society)
- Significant awards or achievements, such as being elected as a fellow of a prestigious national academy (equivalent to the UK’s Academy of Social Sciences, Academy of Medical Sciences, British Academy, Royal Academy of Engineering, Royal Society or National Academy of Sciences, for example), being awarded a medal or a title for contributions to the field, or winning other high-profile prizes.

We recognise that evidence of research and/or educational excellence can look different in different scholarly and disciplinary fields, and the Academic Review Panel will be instructed to factor this into their assessments. The Panel will consist of representatives from all Faculties, as well as all three Pathways.

**Practicalities**

This scheme has two deadlines per year. The next deadline is 2 March 2020.

Applicants can request visitation periods of between one and three months. Applications to the March 2020 deadline are for visits commencing between June 2020 and May 2021. Applications to the September 2020 deadline are for visits commencing between January and December 2021. In exceptional circumstances we may be able to accommodate different requirements; however, please contact us in advance to discuss your particular circumstances before applying, as we cannot guarantee we will be able to make an exception.

**Accommodation will be provided** to all successful applicants, and where possible this will be in one of our suites in Principal’s House on the main University precinct; however, during peak periods we may need to arrange alternative accommodation for you in Bristol.

Applicants can apply for funding to cover economy return travel from the BBMDVP’s home country to Bristol. Funding can only be requested for one return trip per award; if the Visitor needs to make more than one trip they will need to secure alternative sources of funding to cover the additional costs. Applicants can also apply for up to £200 per week for travel and subsistence costs incurred whilst resident in Bristol.
How to apply

Application process

1. Identify a partnership opportunity between a UoB Academic Host and a suitable distinguished international academic.

2. Familiarise yourself with this document before commencing your application, paying particular attention to the criteria and conditions of award.

3. Complete the BBMDVP Application Form 2019-20, available on the BBMDVP webpage, and submit to the UoB Academic Host's Head of School or Department for approval.

4. Submit a PDF copy of the completed form via email to irp-admin@bristol.ac.uk, along with a 2page CV each for the UoB Academic Host and BBMDVP. Please note that applications are only reviewed twice per year, so please ensure that you submit your application before the relevant deadline.

5. Your application will then be assessed by the Bristol International Research Partnerships Academic Review Panel, Chaired by Provost Professor Judith Squires.

6. Funding decisions, including any conditions of funding, will then be confirmed. We aim to communicate outcomes to all applicants within six weeks of the call deadline.

7. If your application is successful further information will be provided on the next steps. If your application is unsuccessful you will be provided with feedback from the panel, and we may be able to discuss a resubmission in some cases.

If you have any questions regarding this process, or any other aspects of applying for a Bristol Benjamin Meaker Distinguished Visiting Professorship, please get in touch with the International Research Partnerships team via irp-admin@bristol.ac.uk.

Guidance for applicants

Please strictly note and adhere to all of the below guidance, as well as the guidance provided at the top of the application form which is available on the BBMDVP webpage. Applications which are not compliant will be considered ineligible.

Section A

In this section you need to provide details of the proposed partnership visit, including the project title and details of both the Visitor and the Academic Host. Please adhere to the italicised grey guidance notes in the form.

The length of visit can be a between 1-3months, and the earliest start date should be no earlier than the 1 June 2020 for applications to the 2 March 2020 deadline.
Section B
The Academic Review Panel will be assessing your application primarily based on this section, so we strongly recommend you pay particular attention to this section and anticipate that it would comprise the main portion of the application. Please ensure that the application is written in language that is accessible for non-specialists, as it may be reviewed by panel members from a different disciplinary field.

The Case for Support should include information and evidence relating to:

- The track record of the proposed BBMDVP, including evidence of excellence in research and/or educational developments relative to their scholarly field.
- The importance of the proposed project and partnership to development and advancement of the relevant academic field(s).
- The identified synergies between the UoB Academic Host and BBMDVP, and the potential for developing a meaningful and beneficial partnership between both individuals and institutions.
- The likelihood of significant outcomes arising from the visit, including development of new approaches, concepts and/or methodologies, identifying new spaces for viable collaborative research, high-quality external funding bids, co-authored publications, and/or other potential long-term benefits for both the UoB and the partner institution.
- The added value and interest of the visit to a range of UoB researchers, including post-graduates (c.f. the below table).
- The potential for the proposed visit and associated activities to attract further external engagement, such as engagement from policy and practice, the media, and/or other sectors.

In the second part of Section B you are required to complete a table outlining your plans for engagement during the visit, in line with the scheme requirements for BBMDVPs to contribute to the wider research culture of the University by offering at least one open lecture/seminar. In addition, we expect all BBMDVPs to offer at least one departmental lecture and at least one graduate student seminar during their visit. All applicants therefore need to complete this table. Some examples have been provided below. Please note you can add as many additional rows as required. Please do not exceed the word limits.

### Lectures and seminars

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<th>Title</th>
<th>Key audience</th>
<th>Synopsis</th>
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<tr>
<td>Social and environmental dimensions of mountain poverty</td>
<td>Open seminar</td>
<td>Professor Smith will introduce the physical characteristics of mountains that make reducing poverty in mountain communities difficult, as well as exploring the particular social and environmental challenges associated with living in mountain environments and how these can be interlinked with poverty in its multiple dimensions. This activity is intended to appeal to a multidisciplinary audience, and will be open to all schools and faculties.</td>
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<tr>
<td>What does ‘impact’ mean</td>
<td>Postgraduate lecture</td>
<td>Professor Smith will provide postgraduate students with an introduction to the concept of ‘impact’ in social</td>
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Section C
Applicants should complete this section with itemised costs in GBP. A FEC costing is not required.

**A: Travel Costs:** The BBMDVP scheme includes economy return travel to and from Bristol for the BBMDVP. An itemised breakdown must be provided. Please note that only one return trip can be funded through this scheme.

**B: Subsistence costs:** The BBMDVP scheme covers up to £200 of reasonable subsistence costs per week of the BBMDVP official visit. Details should be provided.

**C: Faculty/School/Departmental Contribution:** Where some of the costs of the visit are being funded by the Faculty/School/Department details of this should be outlined in this section, including a summary of the contribution and the financial value.

Applicants should calculate the total cost of the visit (i.e. A+B), and then deduct the Faculty/School/Department Contribution (i.e. A+B, then subtract C) to give the total amount being applied for via the BBMDVP scheme. An example has been provided below:

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<th>Costs applied for</th>
<th>Breakdown</th>
<th>Value (GBP)</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>A Travel costs</strong></td>
<td>Return economy flights New York-London (£600)</td>
<td>£710</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Taxi to/from airport in New York (£60)</td>
<td></td>
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<td></td>
<td>Return bus from Heathrow to Bristol (£50)</td>
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<td><strong>B Subsistence costs</strong></td>
<td>Daily subsistence (£25/day for 48 days, total £1200)</td>
<td>£1200</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>C Faculty/School/Department Contribution</strong></td>
<td>Advanced Computing Research Centre (in Engineering) have agreed to cover costs of the flight</td>
<td>£600</td>
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<td><strong>Total cost of visit</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>£1910</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total applied for via BBMDVP scheme</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>£1310</td>
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Applicants should also provide details of any other applications being made for funding in connection with this visit in the final part of Section C, including both internal and external funding sources. If no other applications are being made, then please enter ‘N/A’ in this box.

**Section D**

This section must be completed by the UoB Academic Host’s Head of School. By providing their signature, the Head of School agrees to all terms outlined in the declaration.

The Head of School is also welcome to add any further comments on the application (maximum 200 words). For example, they may wish to add further comments on the value of the BBMDVP for the Department/School and/or the UoB more generally, substantiating and supporting information provided in the Case for Support. This is an optional field.

**Assessment criteria**

Applications to the BBMDVP programme will be reviewed by a panel of leading academics from the University of Bristol, chaired by the Provost Professor Judith Squires. For information on the current panel membership please click here.

The panel will review applications against the following criteria:

- Is the proposed BBMDVP a distinguished Professor with a proven track record of excellent, cutting-edge research and/or educational developments?
- Does the proposed project demonstrate importance to the relevant academic field?
- Are the proposed project and the identified synergies between the UoB Academic Host and BBMDVP clearly defined, with strong potential for developing a meaningful and beneficial partnership?
- Is there a strong likelihood of significant outcomes arising from the visit, including high-quality external funding bids, co-authored publications, ongoing collaborations, and other potential long-term benefits for UoB and the partner institution?
- Will the proposed visit be of interest to a range of UoB researchers, including post-graduates?
- Will the proposed visit and associated activities attract further external engagement, such as engagement from policy and practice, the media, or other sectors?

Applications will be scored against a six-point scale:

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<th>Assessment</th>
<th>Score</th>
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<td>An outstanding application which fully meets all criteria and is very likely to increase the UoB’s international profile through excellent research, collaboration and high-profile co-authored publications.</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>An excellent application which meets the criteria and has strong potential to increase the UoB’s international profile through excellent research, collaboration and high-profile co-authored publications.</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>A good application which generally addresses the criteria well and has demonstrable potential to increase the UoB’s international profile through excellent research, collaboration and high-profile co-authored publications.</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>A reasonable application which addresses most of the criteria and has potential to increase the UoB’s international research profile, but would need strengthening in order to be funded.</td>
<td>3</td>
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A poor application which has some merits, but which fails to adequately address the assessment criteria and should therefore not be funded. 2
A weak application which does not meet the criteria and should not be funded. 1

Conditions of funding
Pre-Award Requirements
All successful applications will be required to submit the following information to the International Research Partnerships team within four weeks of award outcome notification or before their travel to Bristol is arranged, whichever is sooner:

- 300-word profile of the BBMDVP for our website and other communications; and
- 300-word summary of the collaborative project between the BBMDVP and their UoB host for our website and other communications.

Please visit our website or contact irp-admin@bristol.ac.uk for examples.

It is the UoB Academic Host's responsibility to ensure that this information is delivered on time. The International Research Partnerships team reserve the right to cancel awards if this information is not received within the specified timeframe. We recommend that you prepare this information as part of your application process, to assist with timely processing of your award.

The host’s department/school will need to arrange for honorary visiting staff status prior to the visitors arrival, this will enable a UCard and a UoB email to be generated.

Award Requirements and Conditions
All applicants should familiarise themselves with the below requirements and conditions of funding, which apply to all awards under this scheme.

- Award holders will be given the title of Bristol Benjamin Meaker Distinguished Visiting Professor (BBMDVP) for the duration of their stay. Visitors should be referred to as such in all publicity related to the visit, including event promotion.
- All Visitors are expected to give lectures/talks to relevant audiences during their visit beyond their immediate specialist collaborators. It is the responsibility of the UoB Academic Host to arrange all these talks, including booking the venue, and to ensure that the scheme is appropriately accredited in the event title, e.g. “Bristol Benjamin Meaker Distinguished Visiting Professorships Public Lecture”. We are also keen for our postgraduate community to benefit and learn from the Visitor’s expertise, for example through seminars or ‘master classes’. We do have facilities to support virtual seminars, where appropriate, to help expand international reach.
- Details of all events and activities taking part during the visit must be provided to the International Research Partnerships team for our records and to enable us to assist with promotion.
• BBMDVPs and/or their UoB hosts are expected to produce a post for the University of Bristol International Research Partnerships blog either during or after the visit. This can be on any topic related to the visit, from reporting academic developments achieved through the partnership visit to more informal reflections on the benefits of international partnerships.
• BBMDVP applications will not be considered solely for the purposes of conference attendance; however, conference attendance and delivery can legitimately form part of a rather larger programme of activities with UoB staff and students.
• All awards are made on the basis of single continuous visits, with no provision for partners or children, or additional travel whilst based in Bristol.
• All insurance and visa requirements are the responsibility of the Visitor and/or UoB Host School, and the latter will also normally be expected to provide space for the Visitor to work. Please refer to the UK government website for more details on visa requirements.
• It is the responsibility of the UoB Academic Host to ensure that the proposed visit is compliant with all UoB policies. This includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that they have undertaken due diligence with regard to Intellectual Property Rights, Research Integrity, and the UoB Freedom of Speech Code of Practice, in consultation with their School and/or Department as appropriate.

**Post-Award Requirements**

Please be aware that it is a condition of funding that all award holders complete a Bristol Benjamin Meaker Distinguished Visiting Professorship **End of Award Report** Form at the end of the visit. This form must be forwarded to the UoB Academic Host’s Head of Department/School for comment before submitting electronically to irp-admin@bristol.ac.uk within four weeks of the award end date.

Please note that it is the UoB Academic Host’s responsibility to enter all relevant visit outcomes into PURE, suitably acknowledging the Bristol Benjamin Meaker Distinguished Visiting Professorship scheme.

All BBMDVPs will become members of the **Alumni community**, with continued opportunities for engagement. The scheme is designed to represent the first or early stage in a developing partnership between both individuals and institutions. We would expect that all Alumni would continue to be an advocate for the UoB after their visit, both at their home institutions but also within the broader community.

Award holders may also be eligible to apply for **Benjamin Meaker Follow-on Funding** to further develop their partnerships and build upon the outcomes and progress of the initial visit. Please click here for more information.

**Contact information**

For all queries please contact the International Research Partnerships team via irp-admin@bristol.ac.uk.