



The English-Speaking Union

LINDEMANN TRUST FELLOWSHIPS

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

ABOUT

The English-Speaking Union offers up to three grants a year worth \$40,000 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.

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:

- British or Commonwealth citizenship
- Resident in the UK
- Completed a doctorate since September 2013, or be expecting to complete by 30 September 2016 at the latest
- Holders of established research and lecturing posts with a proven record may apply, but the Fellowship should not be regarded as a means of taking up a routine sabbatical.
- Fellowships may not be held concurrently with any other research grant or scholarship

Fellowships may be taken up from September 2016, and by 17 April 2017 at the latest. Each Fellowship lasts for one year. The Lindemann Trust supports research in the fields of **Astronomy, Biophysics, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology, Geophysics, Mathematics and Physics.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

The 2016-17 application closing date is **Monday 15 February 2016**. Completed application forms should be returned by email to education@esu.org.

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. 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.

References may be emailed to education@esu.org, or posted to The Education Department, ESU, Dartmouth House, 37 Charles Street, London W1J 5ED. An electronic version of the reference form is available at www.esu.org/lindemann.

Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held on **Tuesday 12 April 2016** 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 \$40,000 per annum, paid quarterly by the ESU in equal instalments of \$10,000 each. Fellows are asked to notify the ESU at least three weeks before the next instalment is due. In addition, the ESU contributes £500 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?

Fellowships may be taken up from September 2016, and by 17 April 2017 at the latest. Each Fellowship lasts for one year. 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:

- Provide the ESU with a satisfactory Certificate of Health from a GP before departing for the US.
- Take up their Fellowship by 17 April 2017, and inform the ESU of their intended start date as soon as they have it.
- Inform the English-Speaking Union 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 2017, 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.
- Become ESU members for at least one year on their return to the UK. Membership is free for under 23 year olds. A Fellow may be invited to give a talk at an ESU event.

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:

Chairman of Committee and Deputy Chairman of the ESU
Professor James Raven MA PhD LittD FSA FRHistS

Representatives of Christ Church, Oxford
Dr Martin Grossel MA PhD
Professor Roger Davies BSc PhD

Representatives of Wadham College, Oxford

Professor Paul Beer MA PhD
Professor Ben Berks BSc DPhil

Representative of the Royal Society
Professor Sir David Read BSc PhD FRS

Representative of the ESU
Professor Sir Roger Penrose, OM FRS

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