

AA Visiting and Honorary Scholars
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1. Honorary Fellow
2. Visiting Lecturer
3. Visiting Scholar
4. Visiting Doctoral Scholar

The Architectural Association (AA) welcomes visiting scholars to participate in the life of the school, while benefitting from its extensive facilities. We accommodate emerging scholars, emeritus practitioners and academics. Visiting scholars and honorary fellows are invited to the school by the chair of the Academic Board, subject to approval.

There are four categories of visiting and honorary positions, please see below:

1. Honorary Fellow

An Honorary Fellow of the AA is a senior role for a distinguished scholar who works across disciplines to be associated with the AA and contribute to wider discussions happening in the school. Names are to be submitted to the Academic Committee and will be reviewed biannually by the Academic Board as appropriate. There are no more than two Honorary Fellows per year. Candidates will be self-funded.

2. Visiting Lecturer

A Visiting Lecturer will participate in the teaching programme of the AA for one year by contributing to seminar, unit and programme teaching, and public lectures. This position is accompanied by a small honorarium of between £4–6,000.

3. Visiting Scholar

A Visiting Scholar is a post-doctoral, equivalent, or further advanced role that provides the opportunity for scholars to visit the AA, typically over the duration of one or two academic terms, in order to conduct research using the AA's archival and bibliographic resources. This role is subject to the standard membership fee.

4. Visiting Doctoral Scholar

A Visiting Doctoral Scholar is a PhD candidate from another institution who would like to participate in the AA's Postgraduate Programme for a short period. They are to be nominated to the Academic Board by the relevant head of a Postgraduate Programme, with an outline of their involvement specified. The AA will charge tuition fees at the nominal annual PhD rate pro rata.

All Visitors and honorary members are encouraged to attend Public Programme events, lectures and participate in the life of the AA community, and may be invited to contribute to academic debate within the school, if deemed appropriate by the AA.

In each case an expression of interest should be provided to the chair of the Academic Board (via course leaders if a student) and accompanied by a:

- CV;
- Description of current scholarship;
- An outline of proposed activity at the AA, as well as resources required, timeline and outcomes;
- Clarification of health insurance and visa status.

Visiting Doctoral Scholars will also require:

- A supporting letter from their home institution;
- Demonstration of ability to meet UK Visas and Immigration requirements (Applicants requiring a visa will need to make arrangements under their parent institution) and evidence of health insurance, if not UK national;
- Compliance with the AA Code of Behavioural Expectations;
- All applicants will be asked to attend an interview with the Head of the PhD Programme and two Heads of Studies from the PhD Programme; of whom at least one should be a specialist in the area of the applicant's PhD research and thus a potential host and supervisor. The panel will assess the academic merit, financial viability and duration of the visiting scholar's proposed programme and make a recommendation. Successful applicants will normally be offered a place for three months (or for up to six months in exceptional circumstances). They will have access to the AA Library, PhD Programme and their host Taught Postgraduate Programme events, as well as open events in the school.