

We use an [online application system](#) which opens on Tuesday 2nd September 2025. This form is for guidance and practice only.

Please note the character limits include spaces. We can't assess anything you write that exceeds the character limit.

If it will be difficult for you to apply online, please get in touch with us for further advice and support.

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Applying for a Fellowship

To apply for a Fellowship, you must be:

- Living in the UK, including the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man
- A UK citizen or an Irish citizen born in Northern Ireland
- Aged 18 or over or will be by 31st December 2025

If you do not meet these criteria, you should not apply.

We want people with different jobs, experiences, and of different ages to apply.

You do not need to have any special qualifications or be a leader in what you want to learn about. But you must care a lot about an idea that can make a difference to your community or the work you do in the UK.

Your idea must need information that can only be learned from other countries. This learning can happen by travelling to a different country, or online from the UK, or a mix of both.

You can only apply once each year. If you do not get a Fellowship this year you can apply again in future years.

You must apply by 12.00pm on Tuesday 4 November 2025.

Please read the [How to Apply](#) pages of our website for advice and support before you start.

This is the first stage of our application process. If you are successful at this stage, we will invite you to send us more information about your access needs, your budget and your travel plans.

Please note we do not usually give Fellowships for:

- A project that will be done by more than one person or by a team
- A project that has other funders
- A project that is part of your academic studies (including medical electives)
- Artists' residencies and exhibitions
- Research for writing fiction
- Volunteering

How we use your information

We take great care to ensure that all data is handled in accordance with GDPR. We do not pass on or sell lists of postal or email addresses to any third-party organisation.

We may contact you by post, email, or phone, in connection with your application. If you would like to know more about how we use your data, [please refer to our website](#).

Useful links

Our current programmes: <https://churchillfellowship.org/become-a-fellow/our-current-programmes/>

Our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy: <https://www.churchillfellowship.org/about-us/our-values/equity-diversity-and-inclusion/>

Terms and conditions for Fellows: <https://www.churchillfellowship.org/fellows-resources/managing-your-fellowship/terms-and-conditions-for-fellows/>

Become a Fellow: <https://www.churchillfellowship.org/become-a-fellow/>

About you

What is your title?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*What is your first name? Please use your legal name as it appears on your passport.

Click or tap here to enter text.

What are your middle name/s, if you have any?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*What is your last name? Please use your legal name as it appears on your passport.

Click or tap here to enter text.

*What is your Date of Birth?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*What is your email address? Please avoid using Hotmail and let us know if you change your email address.

Click or tap here to enter text.

*What is your mobile number?

Click or tap here to enter text.

What is your home phone number, if you have one?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*What is your address? Please include your county, city, postcode, and country. Please let us know if you change your address.

Click or tap here to enter text.

About your project

Please answer these questions about you and your project.

*Project title

This should be a clear and simple summary that helps people to understand what you are exploring. For example, *How neighbourhood bakeries can create sustainable local food systems*.

Please use 10 words or fewer

Click or tap here to enter text.

*Programme

Please tell us which programme you think is the best fit for your project (see the link to our programmes on page 2). Your choice will not affect your chances of success. If we think your idea fits better in a different programme we will get in touch to let you know.

- ☐ Building a society that cares
- ☐ Building prosperous and resilient economies
- ☐ Caring for our natural environment
- ☐ Climate change
- ☐ Making space for the arts
- ☐ Promoting lifelong health
- ☐ Supporting engagement in education: enabling all students to thrive
- ☐ Tech for All
- ☐ Open: Governance and public provision
- ☐ Open: Health and wellbeing
- ☐ Open: All other projects

***What change do you hope to make in the UK?** Please tell us why you think a change is needed and what difference it would make, including who you think will benefit most.

Please write 1500 characters or fewer.

Click or tap here to enter text.

***Why are you the right person to carry out a Fellowship?** Please tell us about the lived and/or learned experience which you think would make you an effective Churchill Fellow.

Please write 1500 characters or fewer.

Click or tap here to enter text.

***How will you carry out your learning from other countries?**

☐ I will travel to other countries

☐ I will do it online from the UK

☐ I will travel to other countries and do it online from the UK

***How many weeks will you spend learning from other countries?**

This should be between 4 and 8 weeks.

Click or tap here to enter text.

***Which countries and continents will you learn from?**

Please note, if you travel, we prefer you to only visit two continents.

Continents

Click or tap here to enter text.

Countries

Click or tap here to enter text.

***Why have you chosen these countries? What do you hope to learn from them?** Please tell us something about the people and places you would like to focus on. We understand your thinking will develop and your plans might change.

Please write 1500 characters or fewer.

Click or tap here to enter text.

***How do you think you will share and use your learning to influence change in the UK?** Tell us something about what you hope to do next – with whom, how and when. We understand change takes time and your plans will evolve.

Please write 1500 characters or fewer.

Click or tap here to enter text.

About your referees

Please tell us the details of two referees who can tell us more about you and the work you have done.

The referees must:

- have known you well for at least a year
- know about your interests and your work, either in your job or community

Referees cannot be members of your family or just friends.

We will automatically contact your referees in February 2026 if you are shortlisted, so please contact your referees before you send us this form and make sure their details are correct.

First referee

*What is their full name?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*What is their job?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*Who do they work for?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*What is their email address?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Second referee

*What is their full name?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*What is their job?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*Who do they work for?

Click or tap here to enter text.

*What is their email address?

Click or tap here to enter text.

More about you

The next questions are about you. They help us to understand more about the people who apply for our Fellowships in line with our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy (see the link to our EDI Policy on page 2). You do not have to answer any or all the questions if you do not want to. Your answers will not be shared with the people making decisions about whether to give you a Fellowship. We will keep any information you provide confidential and will store it securely in line with the Data Protection Act 2018.

What is your sex?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ I prefer not to say

How would you describe your gender identity?

- ☐ Man
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ I prefer not to say
- ☐ In another way (please write below)

Click or tap here to enter text.

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to say

How would you describe your ethnicity or ethnic background?

- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Asian - other background
- ☐ Asian – Bangladeshi or Bangladeshi British
- ☐ Asian – Chinese or Chinese British
- ☐ Asian – Indian or Indian British
- ☐ Asian – Pakistani or Pakistani British
- ☐ Black – African or African British
- ☐ Black – Caribbean or Caribbean British
- ☐ Black – other background
- ☐ Mixed or multiple ethnic groups: White and Asian
- ☐ Mixed or multiple ethnic groups: White and Black African
- ☐ Mixed or multiple ethnic groups: White and Black Caribbean
- ☐ Mixed – other Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Background
- ☐ White
- ☐ White – British
- ☐ White – Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- ☐ White – Irish
- ☐ White – Roma
- ☐ White – other background
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ Any other ethnic background (please describe)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- ☐ I prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or long-term condition? For example, dyslexia, diabetes, arthritis, a heart condition, or a mental health condition.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I prefer not to say

Which of these words best describes your sexual orientation?

- ☐ Asexual
- ☐ Bi
- ☐ Gay Man
- ☐ Gay Woman / Lesbian
- ☐ Heterosexual / Straight
- ☐ Pansexual
- ☐ I use a different word (please say)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- ☐ I prefer not to say

What is your religion or belief, if any?

- ☐ No religion (Atheist, humanist, etc)
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Christian
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Jewish

- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ Spiritual
- ☐ Other religion or belief (please say)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- ☐ I have a religion or belief, but I do not want to say what it is
- ☐ I prefer not to say

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- ☐ No qualification
- ☐ GCSE or equivalent
- ☐ A Level or equivalent
- ☐ Degree or equivalent
- ☐ Post-graduate degree or equivalent
- ☐ Other (please say)

Click or tap here to enter text.

- ☐ I do not know
- ☐ I prefer not to say

What is your current employment status? Please tick the option that best applies to you:

- ☐ Employed full-time
- ☐ Employed part-time
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Self-employed

☐ A student

☐ Unemployed

☐ Other (please say):

Click or tap here to enter text.

☐ I prefer not to say

If you are employed full-time, part-time or self-employed, which sector do you work in?

☐ Charity

☐ Private

☐ Public

Do you have any caring responsibilities for a child/children and/or another adult?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ I prefer not to say

If yes, please tick all the answers that apply to you:

☐ I am the main carer for a child or children under 18

☐ I am the main carer for a child or children under 18, with someone else

☐ I am the main carer for a disabled child or children

☐ I am the main carer for a disabled child or children, with someone else

☐ I am the main carer or assistant for a disabled adult (18 years or over)

☐ I am the main carer or assistant for a disabled adult (18 years or over) with someone else

☐ I am the main carer or assistant for an older person or people (65 and over)

- ☐ I am the main carer or assistant for an older person or people (65 and over) with someone else
- ☐ I help care for someone; another person carries out the main caring role
- ☐ I am a carer but do not want to say more about it
- ☐ I prefer not to say

When you were 14, what was the main occupation of the person in your house who earned the most money? Please select one option which best describes the kind of work they did at this time.

- ☐ **Modern professional and traditional professional occupations** such as teacher, nurse, physiotherapist, social worker, musician, police officer (sergeant or above), software designer, accountant, solicitor, medical practitioner, scientist, civil engineer, or mechanical engineer
- ☐ **Senior, middle or junior managers or administrators** such as finance manager, chief executive, large business owner, office manager, retail manager, bank manager, restaurant manager, warehouse manager
- ☐ **Clerical and intermediate occupations** such as secretary, personal assistant, call centre agent, clerical worker, nursery nurse
- ☐ **Technical and craft occupations** such as motor mechanic, plumber, printer, electrician, gardener, train driver
- ☐ **Routine, semi-routine manual and service occupations** such as postal worker, machine operative, security guard, caretaker, farm worker, catering assistant, sales assistant, HGV driver, cleaner, porter, packer, labourer, waiter or waitress, bar staff
- ☐ **Long-term unemployed** (claimed Jobseeker's Allowance or earlier unemployment benefit for more than a year)
- ☐ **Small business owners** who employed fewer than 25 people such as corner shop owners, small plumbing companies, retail shop owner, single restaurant or cafe owner, taxi owner, garage owner
- ☐ They were retired
- ☐ This question does not apply to me
- ☐ I do not know
- ☐ I prefer not to say

What kind of school did you go to for most of the time when you were between 11 and 16 years old?

- ☐ A state-run or state-funded school in the UK that anyone could go to
- ☐ A state-run or state-funded school in the UK that selected who went there
- ☐ An Independent school or one where you had to pay
- ☐ An Independent school or one where you had to pay, but you had an assisted or funded place covering 90% or more of the total cost of attending throughout your time there
- ☐ I went to school outside of the UK
- ☐ Something else, like you were home schooled
- ☐ I do not know
- ☐ I prefer not to say

If you finished school after 1980, were you ever eligible for free school meals?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable (I finished school before 1980 or went to school overseas)
- ☐ I do not know
- ☐ I prefer not to say

By the time you were 18, did any of your parents have any higher education qualifications such as a degree, diploma or certification? This includes natural parents, adoptive parents, step-parents, or guardians who have raised you.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I do not know
- ☐ I prefer not to say

Compared to other people, would you describe yourself as coming from a lower socio-economic or working-class upbringing?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know
- ☐ I prefer not to say

How did you hear about us?

We'd love to know how you heard about the Churchill Fellowship. This will help us improve how we share the Fellowship with others and reach more potential applicants in future.

***How did you hear about the Fellowship?** *(Please tick one answer)*

- ☐ From a Churchill Fellow
- ☐ From my job
- ☐ Through my wider professional network
- ☐ At an event
- ☐ From social media
- ☐ Online
- ☐ From TV/Radio
- ☐ From a newspaper
- ☐ I have applied before
- ☐ I heard about it in another way (please click here to write)

If you heard about us from a Churchill Fellow, please tick which description best applies:

- ☐ A friend
- ☐ Part of my professional network
- ☐ Someone I work with
- ☐ Someone I follow on social media

If you heard about us on social media, please tick which platform:

- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Instagram

- ☐ LinkedIn
- ☐ X (formerly Twitter)
- ☐ BlueSky
- ☐ YouTube

Tell us what you think

If we gave you any help while working on your applications, we'd like to know what you thought of the support.

Telling us what you think will not make a difference to whether you get a Fellowship or not.

You do not have to answer these questions.

While you were working on your answers, did you contact The Churchill Fellowship?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you contacted us, how helpful were we?

☐ Very helpful

☐ Quite helpful

☐ Not helpful at all

Do you think there is anything we can do differently? *Please write 500 characters or fewer.*

Click or tap here to enter text.

Final checks

Declaration

Please tick the boxes to say:

- ☐ *The answers you have given are true, and you understand that if anything is not true you will not be given a Fellowship.
- ☐ *You have read and agreed to the full Terms and Conditions of the Churchill Fellowship (link available on page 2).
- ☐ *You understand that our decisions will not be changed.

Please check over your application before submitting it.

Please email it to applications@churchillfellowship.org before 12pm on Tuesday 4 November 2025.

If you have any questions

You can find out more on our Become a Fellow page (see the link on page 2).

You can call us on 020 7799 1660.

You can email applications@churchillfellowship.org.

What happens next

We will be deciding which projects we might give Fellowships to in two stages.

We will email to let you know if you have got through the first stage and are longlisted by mid-December 2025.

We will decide who has got through the second stage and is shortlisted by early February 2026. This is when we will ask for more information and a budget.

Interviews for shortlisted applicants take place in London and online in April and May 2026. We will let you know if you have been awarded a Fellowship by early June 2026 and Fellowships should be carried out between 1 August 2026 and 30 September 2027.