

BRANDON RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2026-27

Guidance Notes for Applicants

The Lauterpacht Centre for International Law is pleased to invite applications for the 2026-2027 Brandon Research Fellowship, funded by generous gifts from Mr Michael Brandon MA, LLB, LLM (Cantab), MA (Yale) (1923–2012) and Mr Christopher Brandon.

The Lauterpacht Centre provides a base for research in Cambridge for legal practitioners and academics from around the world. The Brandon Fellow will be welcomed as part of the community of visiting scholars at the Centre. Whilst in Cambridge, visiting scholars will have the opportunity to meet with other researchers in their field and are encouraged to participate fully in the activities of the Centre, including the Friday lectures and the work-in-progress seminars of the visiting fellows/scholars. Visiting scholars have access to the Centre's library, the University Library (on application) and the Faculty of Law's Squire Law Library.

Candidates working in areas connected to LCIL fellows' projects and activities are given particular consideration.

Fellows must produce a report of their work in English at the end of their Fellowship and deposit with the Lauterpacht Centre any publication resulting from the work undertaken during the Fellowship. The support received from the Brandon Research Fellowship at LCIL should be acknowledged in the publication.

Preference will be given to candidates who are nationals of members of the European Union; members of the Commonwealth; Argentina; Brazil; Chile; China; Japan; Panama; Serbia; Switzerland; and the United States of America.

Preference will be given to candidates who do not have the means to come to the Centre, and who have not yet been to the Centre. Applications from regions or countries underrepresented among former LCIL visiting fellows are particularly welcome.

Deadline for Applications: **Tuesday 7 April 2026**

1. Eligibility

- (a) Candidates for the Brandon Fellowship must be fluent in English and at least one of French, German or Spanish.
- (b) Candidates must specify a project on some aspect of public or private international law or international arbitration on which they will work while resident at the Lauterpacht Centre.
- (c) The Fellowship is intended to cover a stay of at least once acceptance period of 11–13 weeks (term) at the Lauterpacht Centre between September 2026 and September 2027
- (d) This is a post-graduate research fellowship. Persons currently enrolled in PhD programs (in the UK or elsewhere) are not eligible to apply unless their final thesis has been submitted prior to the closing date for applications.

2. Preference

Preference will be given to candidates who are nationals of any of the following:

- Members of the European Union;
- Members of the Commonwealth;
- Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Japan, Panama, Serbia, Switzerland and the United States of America.

3. Research Project

The Brandon Fellow must undertake a project on some aspect of public or private international law or international arbitration while resident at the Lauterpacht Centre. Candidates must specify a project in their application.

Fellows must produce a report of their work in English at the end of their Fellowship and deposit with the Lauterpacht Centre any publication resulting from the work undertaken during the Fellowship.

4. Award

The Fellowship will be to a maximum value of £5,200 (GBP).

Payment of the award will be made after arrival in Cambridge via bank transfer unless a UK bank account is held. Please see the schedule of fees below. Any additional travel or other expenses incurred in excess of the Fellowship amount will be the responsibility of the Fellow. Awards will be made pro rata if a visit of less than 11 weeks is agreed to.

5. Applications

Applications for the Brandon Fellowship should consist of:

- (a) A completed application form including outline of proposed research (available on the Lauterpacht Centre website: <https://www.lcil.cam.ac.uk/research/research-expertise-lcil>);
- (b) Curriculum vitae (maximum four pages);
- (c) Two letters of reference sent directly by the referee.

All documents should be prepared in English.

Applicants must ensure that their application and reference letters are all saved in pdf format and not password protected. Please send by email to communications@lcil.cam.ac.uk by the deadline, **Tuesday 7 April 2026**

6. Facilities

The Lauterpacht Centre provides visiting scholars with IT facilities (laptop docking station and monitor, desktop on request), office space, access to the Centre's library and an introduction to the University Library and Squire Law Library. The costs of provision of these facilities are covered by the Centre fee. If additional (i.e. computer) support is required, this may be subject to an additional charge.

7. Involvement in the Centre's activities

It is expected that the successful candidate will pursue their own research projects whilst in Cambridge. However, should the successful applicant's research project be within an area connected to LCIL fellows' projects and research activities, candidates may be invited to contribute to or collaborate in those projects.

Visitors to the Centre are encouraged to attend Friday lunchtime lectures in term, as well as any of the Centre's open seminars that may be of interest. By arrangement, they may also attend lectures and talks on international law and related subjects elsewhere in the University. However, the Faculty of Law does reserve the right to levy charges for attendance at courses run by the Faculty.

The Centre is not a teaching institution and does not award diplomas or certificates. Those interested in enrolling for Cambridge University degree or diploma courses in international law or international relations should contact the relevant Departments.

8. Terms and Conditions

The award of a Fellowship is subject to the acceptance by the Brandon Fellow, and if appropriate their employer, of any terms and conditions set generally by the University for visitors, and the standard *Terms and Conditions for Visiting Fellows and Visiting Scholars at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law*.

9. Acceptance periods: 2026-27

Michaelmas Term	LCIL dates <i>(University term)</i>	28/09/2026 <i>(06/10/2026)</i>	11/12/2026 <i>(04/12/2026)</i>
Lent Term	LCIL dates <i>(University term)</i>	11/01/2027 <i>(19/01/2027)</i>	26/03/2027 <i>(20/03/2026)</i>
Easter Term	LCIL dates <i>(University term)</i>	19/04/2027 <i>(27/04/2027)</i>	25/06/2027 <i>(18/06/2027)</i>
Summer Research Period		05/07/2027	17/09/2027

10. Centre fees:

All visitors are allocated desk space. The availability of a preferred type of desk space or preferred acceptance period cannot be guaranteed. There is no reduction in Centre fee for arrival after the beginning date or departure before the end date.

Centre fees 2026-27

	Including VAT @20% for non-student visitors
Snyder LH or RH Individual office	£2034
Bahrain House First Floor <i>(individual or shared between two)</i>	£1890 (£2034 individual occupancy)
Bahrain Study <i>(office shared between four)</i>	£1739
Bahrain Library <i>(office shared between five)</i>	£1482
Snyder Room window desk <i>(office shared between nine)</i>	£1376

Accommodation at the Lauterpacht Centre

The Lauterpacht Centre has four ensuite bedrooms which are rented out on a single occupancy basis only.

If Centre accommodation is not available for the period of the visit, the University's Accommodation Service may be able to assist in securing an alternative.

The cost is **£262.50 per week** and full payment of accommodation fees are expected before the start of the tenancy. The rooms are on the second floor of Number 7 Cranmer Road with stair access only. The weekly rent includes:

- Bed linen and towels on arrival
- All utilities (water, electricity, gas)
- Wi-Fi
- Use of a large kitchen shared between all tenants with refrigerators, oven, hob, cutlery and crockery
- Access to a washing machine and tumble drier
- Weekly clean of kitchen and bedroom

If you would like to reserve accommodation at the Lauterpacht Centre, please put in a request as soon as possible. Accommodation is very popular and can get booked up well in advance.