

# Simon and Hallsworth Early Career Research Fellowships

The Simon and Hallsworth Endowment Funds represent the largest endowment to the University, from bequests made in 1944 by Professor H M Hallsworth and the Rt Hon Lord and Lady Simon of Wythenshawe, of Didsbury.

The Simon fund supports the study of Social Sciences and each year funds up to two early career research fellowships of up to three years' duration.

The Hallsworth fund supports the study of Political Economy and each year funds up to three early career research fellowships of up to three years' duration.

Candidates who have completed these Fellowships have been successful in obtaining prestigious academic positions in the UK and elsewhere.

Success candidates will enjoy a competitive salary and a generous research expenses allowance.

## Person Specification

Successful candidates will have the following essential knowledge, skills and experience:

- A PhD, to have been awarded by, and not more than five years prior to, the closing date for applications. Career breaks will be taken into consideration.
- Demonstrable potential for high quality research in relevant subject areas through a record of research and publications appropriate to the level of post-doctoral experience
- The ability to make an original contribution to research in the broad field of social science (Simon) or political economy (Hallsworth)
- The ability to construct a creative, excellent and achievable research proposal that is relevant to the nominated School's overall research plans
- The ability to function as an independent researcher, including managing research projects and meeting deadlines
- The potential to reach the requisite research profile to secure an academic post on completion of the Fellowship
- Candidates must not have held, or currently hold, a permanent academic position

The following would be a distinct advantage:

- A degree (undergraduate or postgraduate) from a Higher Education Institution within the British Commonwealth

## How to Apply

Applications open in late October and close in early January, and will be advertised at

[www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/jobs](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/connect/jobs)

Please complete the electronic application form via the University's electronic recruitment system.

Please attach a clear and detailed research proposal of no more than 2,000 words.

Your research proposal should include statements on:

- The relevance of your research to your nominated School's overall research plans
- The relevance of your research to Social Sciences (Simon) or Political Economy (Hallsworth)
- What steps you will take to engage with areas outside of the academic community



# What Previous Fellows Say

“ The Hallsworth fellowship offered a great opportunity to pursue publications, resulting in a total of six articles published in peer-reviewed journals. I was able to present these publications and findings at international conferences and seminars. The Hallsworth fellowship provided me with the time, space and funding to undertake these critical post-doctoral activities, which combined with ongoing teaching experience, led to my successful application for the post of Lecturer in Global Urbanism. ”

**Dr Melanie Lombard,**  
Lecturer in Global Urbanism,  
The University of Manchester

“ Without a doubt the Simon Fellowship has been vital to my development as an academic and specifically as a sociologist. The School of Social Sciences at Manchester is an extremely welcoming and nurturing place that also plays home to many creative, insightful and world-leading researchers. The freedom offered by the Simon Fellowship was crucial to supporting my research, which mixes tools from humanities disciplines and involves forays into collaboration between natural and social sciences, and to further developing my theoretical and methodological approach. Whilst being a Simon Fellow I wrote two collaborative papers, a sole-authored paper, co-authored a monograph and a textbook, and I am currently writing a further monograph. During the fellowship I successfully applied for a Lectureship in Sociology at the University of Manchester. ”

**Dr Andrew Balmer,**  
Lecturer in Sociology,  
The University of Manchester

“ My time spent as a Hallsworth Fellow was central to my finding a permanent academic job. It gave me the critical space needed to secure the publication record that is a key requirement for university research jobs. During my fellowship I was able to attend a number of academic conferences relevant to my research. It enabled me to maintain existing, and establish new, networks of like-minded researchers. This led to further collaborative research grants and book projects that took my research agenda into new areas and cemented ongoing relationships with other scholars. Overall, the Hallsworth Fellowship undoubtedly played a significant role in building the experience and outputs needed for me to secure a permanent lectureship. ”

**Dr James Scott,**  
Lecturer in International Political  
Economy at King's College London

**For further information please visit our website**

[www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/research/funding/simon-hallsworth-fellowships](http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/research/funding/simon-hallsworth-fellowships)

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