

LONDON MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

GRACE CHISHOLM YOUNG FELLOWSHIPS

Information and guidance notes for applicants and host departments

1. Purpose of the Fellowship

- 1.1 Grace Chisholm Young Fellowships are designed to support mathematicians who need to temporarily pause their careers due to family responsibilities, a partner's relocation, or other similar circumstances.

These Fellowships offer:

- **Recognition:** They acknowledge the holder's status as a mathematician, ensuring that career breaks won't hinder their future in the field.
- **Support:** They provide financial assistance to maintain some level of mathematical activity during the break.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Candidates must have submitted their PhD thesis.
- 2.2 Each Fellow must be affiliated with a specific Mathematics Department at a university or research institute based in the UK.
- 2.3 The application form must be completed thoroughly and include a clear case for funding.
- 2.4 Note: applications may be made by an individual of any gender who fulfils the above criteria.

3. Conditions

Fellowship holder

- 3.1 The Fellowship holder will have the title 'LMS Grace Young Fellow in Mathematics'.
- 3.2 Each holder will receive a personal research support fund of £1,500. A condition of the award is that the personal research support fund shall not be taxed or top-sliced by the host institution.
- 3.3 The normal duration of a fellowship will be one year.
- 3.4 We hope that holders will be able to apply for grants to attend conferences, summer schools etc. as if they were holders of academic or research positions, and that the host department will support such applications.

Host institution

- 3.5 The host institution will receive a £500 contribution from the LMS or another sponsor. In return, the host institution will provide an email address, access to library facilities, and IT facilities for correspondence and research.

- 3.6 The host institution should provide an actively friendly, helpful and supportive environment for the fellow. The fellow might also be appointed to a visiting position in the host institution.
- 3.7 There should be a specific individual in the host institution who would be personally supportive, talking to the holder regularly about their work and assisting the holder to find an appropriate academic position; this might be by help with applications and by setting up contacts with research and academic staff with a view to their applying for research grants on the holder's behalf.
- 3.8 The host institution should provide an opportunity for the holder to give seminars.
- 3.9 The holder might wish to give a short high-level lecture course on her/his research area and this could be done, but with an appropriate fee, that is, at the normal level of payment for part time teaching.

Reporting

- 3.10 On conclusion of the Fellowship the holder should send a report on activities to the LMS administrator responsible for managing the grant scheme. This should include details of the outcomes of the Fellowship, whether it aided development of the holder's career and any ways in which the scheme could be improved.
- 3.11 The report should detail the expenditures of the personal research support fund. It should include specific amounts for each category of expenditure.
- 3.12 Any unused funds from the personal research support fund must be returned to the LMS.

4. Making an application

- 4.1 An application form may be downloaded from the LMS website (<https://www.lms.ac.uk/grants/grace-chisholm-young-fellowships>). Completed forms and further enquires should be directed to womenanddiversity@lms.ac.uk.
- 4.2 The Women and Diversity in Mathematics Committee is made up of mathematicians with a wide spread of research interests, but it should not be assumed that they are familiar with the technical details of any particular area of mathematics. It is therefore important that the application for a Fellowship should be written for the general mathematician and not for the specialist.
- 4.3 Candidates newly arrived in a geographical region may seek advice from the Chair of the committee about appropriate institutions to approach. Applications will be considered by the Women and Diversity in Mathematics Committee once a year. The deadline for receipt of applications can be found on the website. Decisions will be communicated shortly after these deadlines.