

Carnegie Centenary Professorships

To mark the centenary of the founding of the Trust in 1901, the Executive Committee created a Centenary Fund for visiting professorships, intended to benefit not only the host universities but also the Scottish university community as a whole. The scheme is to be established for an initial period of ten years, when it will be reviewed to see whether it is producing the desired benefits or whether the Centenary Fund should then be used in some potentially more beneficial way.

The aim of the scheme is to attract nominees of the highest academic standing who will contribute to academic/scientific developments in the Scottish universities in their particular fields, whether in teaching or research or in both, in emerging as well as established disciplines or in interdisciplinary fields. The roles they fulfil will depend in part on the discipline. There will also be the possibility of attracting senior scholars of high distinction who, by their very presence, will confer benefits on the Scottish universities.

Nominations are invited from the Scottish universities without restriction, and with strong overriding emphasis on quality. It will also be open to the Awards Committee to initiate nominations in respect of neglected fields. In view of the complexities of securing commitments from busy scholars, nomination can be made up to three years in advance of the proposed period of tenure. Joint applications will be acceptable and their implementation encouraged. To achieve a spread of benefit there will be a moratorium on further nominations by a given university during the three years following a successful application, although it will be open to such a university to suggest names of distinguished scholars to another institution or to enter into a partnership with another institution.

The period financed by the Trust will normally be of 3 to 6 months, and either one or two appointments will normally be made in each academic year. The award for each appointment is likely to be of the order of £40,000 but will depend on the length of tenure and the circumstances and expenses of the nominee. The sum is to cover not only stipend but also travel and other expenses. It would be open to the host university or universities to supplement the award from the Trust, and it is expected that the host university will provide any facilities necessary to attract a nominee.

Selection will be by an Awards Committee. This will have full delegated powers and would consist of a small number of appointed Trustees, not necessarily all in membership of the Executive Committee, together with a number of non-Trustees appointed for their academic standing and their knowledge of the Scottish university system. These external members will bear a special stewardship in maintaining the highest standard of quality. No current Scottish university Principal will serve on the Awards Committee. The Committee will be chaired by the Chairman of the Trust, and the Secretary will act as secretary to the Committee.

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