

Job Title: Research Fellow, Amman Institute (FTE, 3 months fixed term in the first instance)

Organisation: The Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL)

Location: Amman, Jordan

About CBRL:

The Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL) is a learned society dedicated to advancing public education on the Levant. Through promoting and disseminating research in humanities, social sciences, and related subjects, CBRL aims to advance knowledge and understanding of the peoples and cultures of the Levant. CBRL operates two institutes in the region: CBRL Amman Institute and the Kenyon Institute in East Jerusalem, both housing extensive libraries, collections and archives.

Job Description:

CBRL is seeking to appoint an early career researcher who has successfully completed doctoral studies within the last 5 years (with allowance made for family-related or other relevant career breaks), to fill a Research Fellow position at our Amman Institute.

Candidates may work in any discipline of the humanities and social sciences and must be able to demonstrate their research is aligned with one of our five Research Themes ([Research themes - CBRL](#) for more details):

Theme one: Heritage – ‘Understanding the past ... and its present impacts’

Theme two: States, societies and cultures of the Levant

Theme three: Cities and urbanisation

Theme four: Refugees, migration, displacement, and diasporas

Theme five: Challenges of sustainability and resilience

Candidates whose research focuses on an area of the Humanities and Social Sciences that has not traditionally featured in the work of CBRL, are particularly encouraged to apply.

In addition to conducting and publishing their own high-impact research, CBRL Research Fellows are expected to contribute to CBRL activities. As such each will be assigned certain academic activities for which they will take responsibility and (reporting to the Deputy Director) act as strategic lead.

The appointment will be for three months in the first instance starting on 2nd January 2025 to 31 March 2025, and may be renewable for a further 6-12 months by mutual agreement (pending funding approval). Applicants who can arrange secondments from an existing post are welcome to apply.

Salary will be at a competitive rate, appropriate to experience and career-stage.

Applicants must have a right to work in Jordan.

The Research Fellow will be expected to fulfil three main Key Performance Indicators between 2nd January and 31st March 2025:

- Submitting (or preparing ready for submission, depending on submission deadlines), a funding application with a UK-based academic partner, with CBRL as a named partner. Funding applications will need to be fully costed and approved by CBRL before submission.
- Undertake and publish research to an international standard. In particular, to submit one article to a peer reviewed journal, ideally by 31st March 2025, but within an agreed timescale with the Director.
- Organising one high-impact academic hybrid event, including attendees from the UK (mentoring, logistical support and budget provided).

Reports to: CBRL's Deputy Director. Also, works with the CBRL Amman team and the London office, as required.

Working week: Full-time; 5 days a week, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, (Sunday – Thursday).

Please note that the role may require working extended hours, particularly during events.

Contract: 3 months (2 January 2025 to 31 March 2025), subject to review and extension (inclusive of a one month probation period).

Start date: 2 January 2025.

Key Responsibilities:

- Undertake and publish research to an international standard. In particular, submit one article to a peer reviewed journal by 31st March 2025. If the contract is extended, guidance will be provided on how time will be allocated between personal research and CBRL duties.
- Lead on the submission of a funding application with a UK-based academic partner, with CBRL as a named partner.
- Organise one high-impact academic hybrid event before 31st March 2025, and additional events beyond this.
- Contribute to all research-related activities as required.
- Contribute to CBRL Amman events to promote and disseminate research.
- Seek to develop and maintain relationships and partnerships with local academic research institutions.
- Represent CBRL within academic environments.
- Produce reports on activities and contribute data for annual and six-monthly reports.
- Carry out other associated duties as may arise in line with the broad remit of the position.
- Work collaboratively with others in all aspects of work.

Essential and Desirable Criteria:

Essential	Desirable
1. A PhD within the Humanities and Social Sciences relating to the Levant (note: the PhD must have been awarded, we will not consider applications from individuals awaiting examination).	1. Evidence of contribution to the broader activities of an academic department / organisation.
2. A track record of research activity and peer-reviewed publications, commensurate with career stage.	2. Experience of developing and implementing innovative outreach strategies to communicate research findings to diverse audiences.
3. Evidence of success in securing research funding, commensurate with career stage.	
4. Excellent written and spoken English and Arabic	
5. Evidence of the ability to organise international events.	

This job description does not form part of a contract of employment and can be amended from time to time as the needs of the organisation require.

To Apply

Interested candidates should submit the following documents to jordaninfo@cbrl.ac.uk:

- Full academic CV.
- A cover letter outlining qualifications and suitability for the role.
- One example of a published article that best highlights research focus and academic credibility.
- An outline of a publication plan which details the publication to be submitted by 31st March 2025 (based on research already conducted), and a publication strategy to end March 2026 if the role is extended.
- Details of a research funding application that will be submitted in collaboration with a UK-based academic by the end of March 2025. Please include details of the research title, funding body, amount, and how far this collaboration has been developed to date (Candidates must ensure that contact has been made and the collaboration agreed between all parties before submitting their job application).
- Details of research to be conducted over the course of a year of the role is extended.

Please include "Research Fellow Amman Application" in the subject line.

Only short-listed candidates invited to interview will be contacted.

Deadline for applications November 14th 2024.

Interviews likely to be held in early December.

Candidates must be available to start on 2nd January 2025.