

Job Title: Research Fellow, Amman Institute (FTE, c. 7 months fixed term)

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 Jerusalem, both housing extensive libraries 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 approximately seven months, starting on 1st April 2026 or soon thereafter. 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 the right to work in Jordan.

The Research Fellow will be expected to fulfil three main Key Performance Indicators during their time at CBRL:

- 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.

- Undertaking and publishing research to an international standard. In particular, to submit one article to a peer-reviewed journal within an agreed timescale with the Director.
- Organising at least one high-impact academic hybrid event

Reports to: CBRL's Amman Deputy Director. Also, works with the CBRL Amman team and the London/Jerusalem 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: 7 months.

Start date: 1st April or soon thereafter.

Key Responsibilities:

- Undertake and publish research to an international standard. In particular, submit one article to a peer-reviewed journal.
- Lead on the submission of a funding application with a UK-based academic partner, with CBRL as a named partner.
- Organise at least one high-impact academic hybrid event. • 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 CBRL's 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 in developing and implementing innovative outreach strategies to communicate research findings to diverse audiences.
3. Excellent written and spoken English and Arabic	3. Evidence of success in securing research funding, commensurate with career stage.
4. 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 (please include "Research Fellow Amman Application" in the subject line):

- Full academic CV.
- A cover letter outlining qualifications and suitability for the role.
- One example of a published article or similar output that best highlights research focus and academic credibility.
- An outline of a publication plan which details the publication to be submitted during the fellowship.
- Details of a research funding application that will be submitted in collaboration with a UK based academic. 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 which may be conducted over the course of the fellowship.

Deadline for applications is 31st January 2026.

Interviews are likely to be held in mid-February. Only short-listed candidates invited to interview will be contacted.

Candidates must be available to start on 1st April 2026 or soon thereafter.