

## ACU Blue Charter Fellowships

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### Description

The [Commonwealth Blue Charter](#) [2] affirms their collective commitment to preserving and nurturing the world's oceans. Part of this includes tackling marine pollution – specifically the issue of marine plastics, which are drastically affecting the health of our oceans, marine life, and the Blue Economy.

As part of the Marine Plastics Research & Innovation Framework, the ACU is launching a new fellowship programme that will provide 35 academic fellows with 2-3 month placements at [ACU member universities](#) [3] across the Commonwealth, as well as in industry.

These fellowships will support world-class research and innovation in marine plastics, and help fulfil the objectives of the [Commonwealth Marine Plastics Research and Innovation Framework](#) [4].

Research and research translation areas will cover the broad area of marine plastics, including:

- preventing plastics from getting into the sea
- developing alternatives to plastics
- the potential for cleaning up the seas

### Eligibility

Applicants must be research staff or PhD students at ACU member institutions in any [Commonwealth country](#) [5].

Applications from early career researchers (ECRs) are particularly welcomed. Early career is defined as current PhD students, researchers up to 10 years post-PhD, and also researchers who are returning to academic work following a career break.

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Applicants from any discipline will be considered, as long as they can demonstrate how their work relates to the topic.

The fellowship must take place at an ACU member institution, or in industry, outside the fellow's country of residence.

Fellows are expected to be highly skilled and motivated researchers whose proposed research topic is innovative, timely, and likely to lead to wider impact beyond the academic community.

Applicants must submit proof that the host institution is happy to host their fellowship as part of the application process.

## Funding Availability

Fellows will receive a grant of up to £8000 GBP to cover travel, accommodation, sustenance, travel insurance, vaccinations and visa costs.

## Indirect Costs

0%

## Project Duration

The fellowships will last between two and three months, and must take place between 27 December 2018 and 31 March 2019.

## Deadlines

**If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.**

Type	Date	Notes
<b>External Deadline</b>	Wednesday, November 7, 2018 - 11:59pm	Applicant must complete the <a href="#">online application form</a> [6]

For Questions, please contact

For any queries about the fellowships, please contact [acufellowships@acu.ac.uk](mailto:acufellowships@acu.ac.uk) [7]

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[2] <http://thecommonwealth.org/commonwealth-blue-charter>

[3] <https://www.acu.ac.uk/membership/acu-members/index>

[4] <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-launches-new-research-and-innovation-hub-to-tackle-scourge-of-plastic-in-our-seas-and-oceans>

[5] <http://thecommonwealth.org/member-countries>

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