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Dear Vice-Chancellor

**2012/13 Fellowship Opportunity at Durham University's  
Institute of Advanced Study**

I am writing to you in my capacity as Vice-Chancellor of Durham University to remind you of the prestigious funded fellowship scheme at our Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) that is open to the most creative and accomplished scholars from all over the world.

The Durham IAS is an ideas-based institute launched in October 2006 as a forum for high-level inter- and multi-disciplinary debate on major themes. The aim of the Institute is to produce new thinking about ideas that change the world through dialogue among and between scholars and intellectuals in different disciplines, and to communicate this thinking to the wider academic community, policymakers and the public in general. At its core lies a generously funded UK and international fellowship programme. It allows the IAS to gather together the world's finest scholars and non-academics from the full spectrum of science, social science, arts and humanities disciplines to address themes of global significance.

We are very keen that the Institute's fellowship programme attracts the very best scholars from across the world and hence I am writing to you directly to request that you draw this opportunity to the attention of your colleagues. Each fellowship bestows its recipient with an honorarium (£2,500), a travel allowance, accommodation, and money to buy out them out from their teaching if this is necessary in order for them to be able to accept the fellowship (up to £8,000).

There are up to 20 fellowships available and each is for a three month period (either October-December 2012 or January-March 2013) and most, but not all, will be awarded to individuals whose research provides the best fit with the Institute's annual theme. During their stay, in addition to pursuing their research, fellows are required to engage with each other and with staff at Durham, deliver a public lecture and an IAS seminar, and work on an IAS web-based publication of circa 5,000 words.

The Institute's annual theme for 2012-13 will be 'Time'. This is a theme with significant interdisciplinary possibilities. A few examples of research strands that are emerging at Durham in relation to the theme are as follows. Mathematicians and physicists propose to study the nature and geometry of time, giving emphasis to string theory; arts and humanities scholars will be leading explorations of the role played by narrative in our understanding of time; and there will also be significant work, too, on scaling time, interpreting it as the dimension in which cultures and religions conceptualise the recurrent and changing meanings of existence, and as the medium through which archaeologists, historians and anthropologists relate the present to the past. Art's role in reshaping time according to its own imaginative and aesthetic laws is also likely to be studied.

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