

The Phyllis Beddington Wiener Chair is a teaching and research chair at the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) set up by the Fondation Wiener-Anspach (FWA) to honour its founder, Phyllis Beddington Wiener. The aim of the FWA is to establish or strengthen collaborations between researchers of the ULB and of the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford, in any field. The FWA can award more than one chair annually.

## Eligibility Requirements

Chair Holders must hold a full-time permanent academic position at the University of Cambridge or Oxford.

Applications must be submitted by a full-time permanent member of the ULB academic staff, in their own name or on behalf of a group of ULB academics and researchers.

## Description of the Chair

Chair Holders will be affiliated as a Visiting Professor to the ULB and will be required to:

- Spend **1 or 2 months at the ULB between 15 September 2027 and 15 September 2028**. For 2 months, these can be continuous or divided in 2 one-month stays.
- Deliver **12 hours of teaching** to ULB students (lectures and/or seminars), to be integrated in one course (or two, if justified).
- Deliver a **public lecture at the ULB**, aimed at a general audience, on the subject of their research.

The ULB Host is responsible for all aspects related to the organisation of the Chair Holder's visit (accommodation, travel) and related activities (teaching, public lecture).

## Funding

The Chair Holder is awarded a non-taxable **research grant (£3,500/month of stay)**. This subsidy will be paid at the end of each month.

The ULB Host will have at their disposal on a ULB account:

- **3,000 EUR/month of stay to cover the Chair Holder's travel and accommodation expenses**
  - Travel expenses are restricted to one Cambridge-Brussels or Oxford-Brussels round trip per month.
  - Per diems cannot be awarded.
- **1,000 EUR/month of stay for research-related operating costs**
  - The expenses need to be directly related to the laboratory's scientific activities in relation to the research of the Chair or the organization of the public lecture (excluding catering).
  - A maximum of 30% of the budget may be used for expenses related to catering for the working meetings (coffee breaks/meals) or the public lecture.
  - The funds may not be used to purchase any equipment of any sort, including a computer.

A **financial report** will have to be submitted by the ULB Host at the end of the stay (or of each month of stay).

## Workshop (optional)

The Foundation can contribute to the funding of a **workshop** to a **maximum of 15,000 EUR**. The workshop, to be held **at the ULB within twelve months after the end of the stay**, must co-convened by the ULB Host and the Chair Holder. Co-financing is encouraged.

The funds granted by the FWA for the workshop may be used to cover:

- Participants' travel and accommodation expenses;
- Logistic costs (audio-visual equipment, student jobs, communication material);
- Catering costs (coffee breaks/lunch/closing dinner) for a maximum of 20% of the budget.

A **detailed budget** will have to be submitted to the FWA **three months before the event**.

## How to apply

The application must be submitted by completing the **online form**. You will be requested to upload the following **annexes, merged and compressed in one single PDF**:

1. A document presenting the **research topic** and describing the benefits of the proposed stay at the ULB of the Cambridge/Oxford academic (2 pages). Any existing collaboration should be described.
2. A presentation of the **twelve hours of teaching** (subject, format, target student audience), to be **integrated into one course** (or two, if justified). This 1-page document must be approved and signed by the Dean of the ULB Faculty to which the academic will be affiliated as Visiting Professor.
3. A **detailed description of the work environment** in which the candidate would be welcomed, the facilities and tools at their disposal and how they would be involved in the faculty/department's activities (1 page). If applicable, please mention here the other ULB academics and researchers involved in welcoming the chair holder.
4. The **CV of the Cambridge/Oxford candidate**.
5. The **CV of the ULB Host**.
6. The **agreement of the relevant Cambridge or Oxford Department** authorising the candidate to be released from their commitments for the duration of the Chair (one or two months).
7. **If applicable, a presentation of the workshop** to be organised at the ULB within the 12 months following the end of the Chair Holder's research stay (1 page), specifying:
  - The aim, topic and provisional title
  - A list of potential speakers
  - The period and length of the workshop
  - Possible sources of co-financing

Applications must be submitted by **Monday 7 September 2026 at noon (Belgian time)**.