Institute for Advanced Study

Institute Living
WELCOME!
Every year, the Institute for Advanced Study welcomes numerous visiting scholars from all over the globe. World-class researchers, these individuals vary in seniority from post-docs to emeritus professors; and their areas of interest encompass an almost unimaginably broad territory, ranging from astrophysics to Zaydi manuscripts, and beyond.

While fostering “the life of the mind” may be our primary mission, we recognize that a scholar’s life is not defined by the confines of the blackboard, library, or office. As such, we strive to create a welcoming, safe, and supportive environment for everyone who calls the Institute for Advanced Study their “home away from home.”

When I first arrived on campus as a Member in 1991, my family and I were struck by the unique mix of intellectual rigor and comfortable lifestyle the Institute affords. It is my sincere hope that your Institute experience will be equally rich and rewarding; and it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the ranks of the Association of Members of the Institute for Advanced Study (AMIAS).

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE
Founding Director
Abraham Flexner believed that if the Institute “eschews the chase for the useful, the minds of its scholars will be liberated, they will be free to take advantage of surprises, and someday an unexpected discovery, apparently leading nowhere, will be found to be an indispensable link in a long and complex chain that may open new worlds in theory and practice.”

It is in this spirit that the Institute for Advanced Study brings visiting scholars together with eminent permanent faculty, to conduct unstructured, fundamental research in astrophysics, historical studies, mathematics, particle physics, social science, and systems biology.

Robbert Dijkgraaf
Director and Leon Levy Professor

FULD HALL
Fuld Hall was the first building constructed on campus and has housed many fabled Institute scholars, including Albert Einstein and J. Robert Oppenheimer. Newly arrived scholars and their families can claim the keys to their apartments at the Fuld Hall reception desk, which is manned by trained public safety officers during nonbusiness hours. The Common Room hosts an afternoon tea every weekday at 3 p.m., as well as numerous receptions and events, such as the AMIAS play-reading group, which is open to all scholars and their families.

SIMONS HALL
The favored lunchtime destination of IAS scholars, the Dining Hall is also the location of many events and activities, such as the AMIAS Lunch and Learn Workshop Series and A Night at Harry’s jazz nights, the Institute’s After Hours Conversations programming, and special events such as wine tastings.

WOLFENSOHN HALL
For large-scale events such as the Director’s Welcome Day lecture, the Edward T. Cone Concert Series, and a wide array of scholarly and entertainment-focused programming, the 220-seat Wolfensohn Hall is a wonderful destination for the Institute’s extended community, its scholars, and their families.

GROUNDS
With 700 acres of woods in permanent preservation, a pond, and numerous public works of art, the Institute campus is a bucolic oasis just minutes from downtown Princeton.
INSTITUTE LIBRARIES
Members’ partners who need a space to work outside the home can reserve a desk in the Historical Studies–Social Science Library 5 or the Mathematics–Natural Sciences Library 6. Reserved desks are for the exclusive use of the reservation holders, and books and other materials can be left there for the duration of a person’s stay at the Institute.

HOUSING 7
Most of the Institute’s approximately 200 visiting scholars are housed on campus, in units ranging from studio apartments to three bedroom townhouses. Scholars from all over the world and different academic disciplines live side by side. As a result, the Institute provides a home-away-from-home for a close-knit, highly diverse, and ever-changing community unlike any other.
TRANSPORTATION
The Institute and Princeton University run shuttles multiple times a day, seven days a week, giving scholars and their families easy access to grocery and other shopping, the train station, Princeton University, and a variety of other destinations. Bike rentals are also available on campus and throughout Princeton for added mobility. Some scholars also use personal vehicles, and others rely on taxis, Enterprise car rentals, Uber, and Lyft to meet their transportation needs.

RECREATION
Whether you play team sports like soccer, tennis, or basketball; want to hike or bike on quiet nature trails; work out in the gym; or enjoy spending time with your children on the playground, the Institute campus offers numerous recreational opportunities for all ages.

COMMUNICATIONS
Incoming scholars and their partners are automatically added to the Institute’s online community platform that facilitates communications about everything from informal gatherings to AMIAS-led activities to items for sale in the community. Touchscreens in the Fuld Hall Common Room and Laundry Room, as well as bulletin boards throughout campus, offer easy access to information about the many events hosted by AMIAS, the Schools, and more.

ACTIVITIES CENTER
Located in the residential portion of campus and complete with a piano room, television, and a collection of toys and books, the Activities Center is the site of multiple AMIAS activities, including the Musicians’ Exchange, pottery making, and children’s musical programming, and can be reserved for personal and group use by scholars and their families.

SCHOOLING/CHILDCARE
Princeton has excellent public schools, and the bus stop is on a quiet campus road. Care for younger children is available on campus through Crossroads Nursery School and at other nearby facilities.

RUBENSTEIN COMMONS
Expected to open its doors in 2020, and featuring a café and lounge, as well as a variety of meeting spaces and offices, the Rubenstein Commons will provide a wonderful complement to the Institute’s existing amenities.

AMIAS
Visiting scholars and their families are welcome to stop by the AMIAS building during business hours with questions about campus or Princeton living, ideas for new events or activities, and other questions or concerns that might arise.
Many of the events and activities on campus are run by our scholars and their families. If you have an idea for an event or activity, contact AMIAS at amias@ias.edu to learn more.

Crossroads Nursery School provides excellent early childhood care and education to many of IAS’s youngest residents. Space at Crossroads is limited, however, and allocated on a “first come, first served” basis.

Both New York City and Philadelphia are accessible by train, bus, and car from the Institute campus.

200 Visiting Scholars

Each year, the Institute welcomes approximately 200 visiting scholars, with some scholars’ families accompanying them for part or all of their appointment.

The Town of Princeton is about 17 square miles in size, with a population of just over 16,000 residents. The Institute campus is wholly within Princeton, spans some 800 acres, and employs nearly 30 permanent faculty and about 170 staff.

Institute scholars and their adult family members receive photo ID cards that grant access to offices and housing, and enable on-campus purchases in the Dining Hall and Laundry Room.

Numerous online vendors, including Amazon and a variety of local grocery stores, deliver to campus housing, making it easy to have nearly anything you might need during your stay brought directly to your door.

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Citizenship of IAS Scholars
IAS scholars and their influence fuel lines of inquiry that span generations and encompass the globe.

H Who We Are
The Association of Members of the Institute for Advanced Study (AMIAS) counts all accepted, current, and former IAS scholars—more than 6,000 individuals worldwide—among its membership.

AMIAS was founded as an independent organization in 1973 by a group of (then current) Members in Mathematics and Historical Studies. Since that time, AMIAS has expanded its representation to include all four Schools through an elected Board of Trustees, and grown to be an integral part of the Institute community with dedicated staff support in the Office of Academic Affairs.

AMIAS’s founding mission, to “encourage, foster, and support the scholarly work and interest of the IAS and its members and to promote liaison between the IAS and the academic community at large,” remains as vital today as it was in 1973. And with its focus on welcoming new and incoming scholars, providing professional and social enrichment for current scholars and their families, and helping former scholars stay connected to the academic life of IAS, AMIAS works to complement and sustain the Institute’s core mission of supporting undirected research of the highest caliber.

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