CALL FOR JOINT VISITING FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS 2022-23

The University of Manchester/Manchester Wesley Research Centre Joint Visiting Fellowship Application

Deadline: 16 January 2023, 5pm (GMT)

Applications should be emailed to: research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk

Overview

The John Rylands Research Institute and Library promotes research in the humanities and sciences using the astonishingly rich special collections of the University of Manchester Library. Based in one of the finest neo-Gothic buildings in Europe and in the heart of Manchester, it is a dynamic community of world-leading researchers, curators, conservators and imaging specialists, all focused on our core mission to define the human experience over five millennia and up to the current day. The Special Collections holdings include extensive collections related to the history of evangelical Christianity. The Rylands is the official archive repository of the British Methodist Church and contains the largest collection of Methodist printed books and manuscripts in Europe. It is regarded as one of the world's most important collections of source material relating to evangelical studies.

The University of Manchester Department of Religions and Theology offers degree programmes covering a broad range of religious traditions. The Department has particular research strengths in Biblical Studies, Jewish Studies and contemporary and philosophical Theology.

The Manchester Wesley Research Centre (MWRC) promotes and supports research on the life and work of John and Charles Wesley, their contemporaries in the 18th century Evangelical Revival, their historical and theological antecedents, their successors in the Methodist, Wesleyan, Evangelical, Holiness, and Pentecostal traditions, and contemporary scholarship these traditions. The MWRC is located on the campus of Nazarene Theological College (NTC) in the Manchester suburb of Didsbury and is affiliated with the Methodist Archives and Research Centre at the John Rylands Research Institute and Library, part of The University of Manchester Library.

What is a Joint Visiting Research Fellowship?

The aim of this Joint Visiting Fellowship programme is to promote research in the Methodist and Wesleyan traditions by facilitating scholarly access to the internationally renowned Methodist Archives held at the Rylands and the MWRC and Nazarene Theological College (NTC) library. One Visiting Fellowship will be awarded per annum.

Assessment of applications

All applications are assessed by representatives of the Institute, department of Religions and Theology, and the MWRC in consultation with curators and academics.
Essential Criteria

- Applicants, whether in established academic posts or not, should at least hold a doctorate at the time of application
- Activity should primarily be focused on the Special Collections of The University of Manchester Library and must relate broadly to Methodist/Wesleyan studies
- All activity must have clear outputs and be deliverable within the proposed timescale
- Priority will be given to projects which lead to collaborative grant capture with the Institute or with scholars at The University of Manchester

The completed application form should include:

- Personal details
- Details of the intended project to include: title of project, proposed start and end date, objectives, methodology, sources and outputs
- An up to date curriculum vitae
- An up to date list of relevant publications
- Details, including e-mail address, of two referees who can be contacted should the application be shortlisted

What will the successful applicant receive?

- Access to the collections of the Methodist Archives and Research Centre, the libraries of UML, MWRC and NTC, including access to UML electronic resources during the term of the Fellowship
- Fellows will be granted a stipend of £1000 (tax and National Insurance contributions will be covered) to help cover expenses during the Fellowship, provided by the division of Religions and Theology at The University of Manchester
- Accommodation on the campus of Nazarene Theological College in Didsbury
- Workspace and reading room provision at the Institute
- Support from expert curators, conservators and imaging specialists
- Support from the Institute grant writer

What will the Institute expect from the applicant?

- The Visiting Fellow is encouraged to take up residency for a six-week period between June and August; all fellowships must commence on or before 31 July 2023
- To inform the John Rylands Research Institute and Library of the agreed start date
- To produce a research report at the end of their Fellowship
- To explore partnerships with scholars at the University of Manchester and to investigate potential grant capture
- To present a paper to the MWRC/NTC Research Seminar, and/or Rylands or University of Manchester seminars and workshops
- To contribute an article, where appropriate, on their research to Wesley Methodist Studies http://www.mwrc.ac.uk/wesley-and-methodist-studies/ or Bulletin of the John Rylands Library http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/cgi-bin/scribe?showinfo=ip035