

CALL FOR VISITING PROFESSORS OCTOBER 2016

John Rylands Research Institute Visiting Professors

Application deadline Friday 20 January 2017

Applications should be e-mailed to jrri@manchester.ac.uk

Overview

The John Rylands Research Institute is a unique partnership led by The University of Manchester's Faculty of Humanities and The University of Manchester Library in which humanities scholars, scientists, curators, conservators and digital imaging specialists are brought together to uncover, explore, unravel and reveal hidden ideas and knowledge contained within the Library's world-leading Special Collections. This Fellowship gives the applicant the opportunity to visit The University of Manchester and experience first-hand the Library's unique collections which count among the foremost repositories of primary sources in the UK, offering research potential across an exceptionally broad array of disciplines, chronologies and geographical areas.

Who is eligible to be a Visiting Professor?

Visiting Professorships are intended to enable eminent scholars with an international reputation to visit the Institute to research the Special Collections of The University of Manchester Library, develop and establish relationships with scholars at the University which will increase activity and collaboration between Institutions, give public lectures, and work with graduate students and early career researchers. Priority may be given to those Visiting Professorships that present the best potential for collaborative research and collaborative grant bidding with University of Manchester academics.

How to submit a nomination

In making a Visiting Professorship (VP) nomination, the person making the nomination should submit a letter of nomination which includes the following:

1. The name of an academic point of contact responsible for hosting the visit.
2. A paragraph that outlines how the proposed visit relates to the Special Collections of The University of Manchester Library.
3. A list of the planned and provisional activities that the VP will undertake. This might include one or more of the following: presenting their research at an academic event (e.g. a high profile lecture, seminar or workshop to coincide with their visit); a masterclass or workshop for graduate students; being available for meetings with doctoral students; a contribution to undergraduate teaching; a public engagement event.
4. The budget plan and provisional dates of the visit.
5. The CV of the proposed visitor should also be attached.

Funding is normally available for 2-6 weeks duration. The School/Discipline Area should ensure that the cost of the visit can be met from the amount requested.

Allocations will meet only the expenses of the VP(s) (i.e. her/his travel to UK, within UK, accommodation, meals and any other reasonable research expenses incurred during the visit). Please note that a Visiting Professor is not paid a salary for the tenure of the Professorship. Guidance on the rates permissible for accommodation and a list of suggested accommodation providers is available upon request from: JRRI@manchester.ac.uk.

Recurrent visits will be considered but the nomination cases must have an exceptional rationale for two years funding and must involve a key collaborative project.

Nominations for Visiting Professor should be forwarded to the Institute at: JRRI@Manchester.ac.uk

For informal discussion or advice on application for Visiting Professorship please contact Professor Hannah Barker (hannah.barker@manchester.ac.uk) or Rachel Beckett (rachel.beckett@manchester.ac.uk).