**CALL FOR JOINT VISITING FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS 2018-19**

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

**Deadline Monday 14 January 2019**

**Applications should be emailed to** [**jrri@manchester.ac.uk**](mailto:jrri@manchester.ac.uk)

**Overview**

The John Rylands Research Institute (the Institute) is a unique partnership led by the University of Manchester 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. 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. In the [2018 QS World University Rankings](https://outlook.manchester.ac.uk/owa/redir.aspx?C=rZtU6wyez00_4DSS_rX-PAzsDPM2rH4AiqYG4bjpTHn-J-dwViXWCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fwww.topuniversities.com%2funiversity-rankings%2funiversity-subject-rankings%2f2018%2ftheology-divinity-religious-studies) for Theology and Religious Studies, Manchester was in the world top ten both for citations per publication and for volume of highly cited publications.

The [Manchester Wesley Research Centre](http://www.mwrc.ac.uk) (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 Wesleyan tradition, and contemporary scholarship in the Wesleyan and Evangelical traditions. The MWRC is located on the campus of Nazarene Theological College in the Manchester suburb of Didsbury and is affiliated with the Methodist Archives and Research Centre at The John Rylands 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 John Rylands Library in Manchester 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

**Joint Fellowship Application Process**

Applicants are required to complete and submit the Joint Fellowship application form available on the Institute website at: <http://www.jrri.manchester.ac.uk/research/funding/>

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 £875 (subject to tax and National Insurance contributions) 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 1 July 2019
* To inform the John Rylands Research Institute 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 JRRI 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>