

## **CALL FOR VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW APPLICANTS SEPTEMBER 2015**

### **John Rylands Research Institute Visiting Research Fellows**

**Application deadline Friday 27 November 2015**

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

#### **Overview**

The John Rylands Research Institute is a unique partnership led by the University of Manchester's Faculty of Humanities (HUM) and the University of Manchester Library (UML) 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.

#### **What is a Visiting Research Fellowship?**

Visiting Research Fellowships are an opportunity for applicants external to the University of Manchester to research a topic or within a discipline contained in the Library's 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.

#### **Assessment of applications**

All applications are assessed by the Institute's leadership team, in consultation with expert curators and academics.

Successful candidates will be in receipt of:

- Up to £1,500 per month for up to 3 months to cover travel, accommodation and living expenses during the Fellowship
- Curatorial support during the Fellowship
- Introduction and mentoring by a subject appropriate academic
- Workspace and reading room provision
- Administrative support

#### **Essential Criteria**

- All activity must have clear outputs and be deliverable within the proposed timescale
- The proposed activity must be related to one of the collection priorities as detailed on the Institute's website at : <http://www.jrri.manchester.ac.uk/research/collection-priorities/>
- **Priority will be given to projects which lead to collaborative grant capture with the Institute**

#### **Visiting Research Fellow Application Process**

Applicants are required to complete and submit the application form available on the Institute website at: <http://www.jrri.manchester.ac.uk/opportunities/visiting-research-fellowships/> The complete application form should include:

- Personal details
- Details of the intended project to include: title of project, proposed start and end date, vision, methodology and intended for outputs
- An outline of the sources to be consulted in line with essential criteria above
- A summary on the sustainability of your project
- 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 applicant receive?**

- Financial support up to a maximum of £1,500 per month for 3 months to cover travel and living expenses A warm welcome into the life of the Institute and invitations to take part in its activities e.g. research forums and seminars.
- Support from expert curators, conservators and imaging specialists
- Support from the Institute grant writer
- Fellowships can be taken at a mutually agreed time within the Institute's financial year

**What will the Institute expect from the applicant?**

- To adhere to the agreed start date
- To produce a précis of the research undertaken during their Fellowship
- To collaborate with academics internal and external to the University to create partnerships and potential grant capture
- To contribute an article on their research to the Bulletin of the John Rylands Library, if appropriate  
<http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/cgi-bin/subscribe?showinfo=ip035>
- Expenses will be processed in arrears (on production of receipts and completed claim form) through the Institute Office
- All international expenditure, before being presented to the Institute office, must be converted to GB pounds sterling and include evidence of exchange rate on the day of transaction
- Any claim for utilities will only covered for rental accommodation in Manchester