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Manchester Wesley Research Centre Visiting Research Fellow Programme (2024)

The Manchester Wesley Research Centre (MWRC) has sponsored a Visiting Research Fellow programme since 2012. The Fellowship is for any post-doctoral scholar who wishes to apply, whether based in the UK or abroad.¹ The aim of this programme is to promote research in the Methodist, Wesleyan, Evangelical, Holiness, and Pentecostal traditions by facilitating access to the internationally renowned Methodist Archives and Research Centre (MARC) at the John Rylands Research Institute and Library in Manchester, the University of Manchester Library, and the Manchester Wesley Research Centre library and Nazarene Theological College (NTC) library and archives. Applicants to the MWRC-University of Manchester Joint Visiting Research Fellowship may also apply for this Fellowship. Some preference may be given to scholars from MWRC Partner Institutions.

The 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, Wesleyan, Evangelical, Holiness, and Pentecostal traditions, and contemporary scholarship related to these traditions. This includes areas such as theology, history, biblical studies, education, ethics, literature, mission, philosophy, pastoral studies, practical theology, social theology, and interdisciplinary studies.

The primary aim of the programme is to allow Visiting Fellows time and space to carry out their independent research; however, a Visiting Fellow will be able to take advantage of the following opportunities:

- Access to the MARC, University of Manchester, MWRC, and NTC libraries.
- Allocation of a dedicated study space in the MWRC Study Centre.
- Where desirable, meetings can be arranged with MWRC Fellows in Manchester (see the list of Fellows at: mwrc.ac.uk/current-fellows/).
- Present a paper to the MWRC/NTC Research Seminar or other MWRC-related event, such as our annual session at the American Academy of Religion.
- Submit an article for publication in *Wesley and Methodist Studies*, a peer-reviewed journal co-sponsored by the MWRC and Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History and published by Penn State University Press (see: mwrc.ac.uk/wesley-and-methodist-studies).

Accommodation is provided for six weeks on the campus of Nazarene Theological College and must be taken up in the year in which the fellowship is awarded. Since limited accommodation is available, residency for the Fellowship cannot be guaranteed outside the period from July to early September. This is a relatively quiet period on campus. Fellows who would prefer residency during the June PhD residency month (when a number of MWRC events take place) may request this. If suitable accommodation is available, spouses may accompany the Visiting Fellow, but will need to pay for the accommodation at a discounted rate. It is generally not possible to accommodate children in campus housing. Visiting Fellows are encouraged to be resident for the full six weeks of the Fellowship. Fellows are granted a £65 per week stipend toward the cost of meals and other expenses. All other expenses are the responsibility of the Fellow.

Applications should consist of (1) a research proposal of 1-2 pages including the title, scope, sources, originality, timescale, and intended outcomes of the project; (2) a CV; (3) an indication (even if provisional) of your preferred dates of residency and whether you intend to bring family with you. Application materials should be sent to the MWRC Director, Geordan Hammond (ghammond@nazarene.ac.uk), by **31 January 2024**.

For information on past Visiting Fellows and the 'Guide to Research in Manchester', see: mwrc.ac.uk/visiting-fellows/.

¹ Doctoral candidates can apply for the Postgraduate Student Fellowship or contact the MWRC Director to discuss ways in which the MWRC might support their research visit.