

Susanna Wesley

Visiting Fellowship

Southlands College, University of Roehampton, invites Methodist and Wesleyan scholars and experienced practitioners from Churches outside Great Britain and Ireland, to spend a period in residence during the academic year. Funding will be provided by the Southlands Methodist Trust to cover the costs of accommodation on or near our London campus. In addition, the Fellow will be offered access to the library and other learning and co-curricular facilities at the University, and honorary membership of the relevant academic School/Department. Workspace will be negotiated as needed.

The Susanna Wesley Fellow will be expected to play an active part in the seminars of the relevant School/Department within the University of Roehampton and to host a suitable event in order to share the fruits of their time in residence. Where appropriate, they will also be encouraged to participate in the worship life of Southlands College and the wider Roehampton Chaplaincy (which is ecumenical and inter-faith) and of the wider British Methodist Connexion.

In keeping with the ethos and history of the college, applications are particularly sought from those traditionally under-represented in higher education.

The Fellowship is offered for up to two months and can be taken in either academic semester (Semester 1 – October to December; Semester 2 – February to June).

**CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT**

To qualify for appointment, applicants must:

1. be based outside the UK and the Republic of Ireland;
2. either:
   1. be a scholar within a member institution of the International Association of Methodist-related Schools, Colleges and Universities (IAMSCU); or
   2. be an experienced practitioner in either Methodist-related Education or Church Ministry;
3. outline what they hope to achieve during their stay, how they will benefit in personal and professional ways from the Visiting Fellowship;
4. demonstrate in their application how they hope to contribute in creative ways to the life of Southlands College, the University of Roehampton and wider British Methodism;
5. provide from their Dean/supervisor (or equivalent):
   1. written consent to release the applicant from duties;
   2. a short recommendation of the applicant’s suitability;
6. with regard to immigration, currently have permission to take up the position, or be able to secure the relevant UK visa for this purpose.

The Southlands Methodist Trust will provide single person accommodation for the Visiting Fellow as standard. Applicants are advised to budget for travel to and within the UK, and for their living costs whilst resident. London Heathrow airport is close by and recommended for convenience.

Please be advised that it is the individual applicant’s own responsibility to obtain the appropriate visa from the UK authorities. There may be a cost incurred in obtaining a visa. Please read the UK government information carefully <https://www.gov.uk/apply-standard-visitor-visa>.

For further information, please contact:

Christopher Stephens, Head of Southlands College

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[southlandsmethodisttrust.org.uk/](https://southlandsmethodisttrust.org.uk/)

[www.roehampton.ac.uk/Colleges/Southlands-College/](http://www.roehampton.ac.uk/Colleges/Southlands-College/)

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**APPLICATION FORM**

Applications can be submitted at any time, and up to two years in advance. The panel will meet three times during the year – in July, December and April – to assess all submitted applications and recommend awards.

An application for Semester 1 of the academic year must be submitted by 30 June. An application for Semester 2 must be submitted by 30 November.

Send completed applications to:

Susanna Wesley Visiting Fellowship Panel

c/o the office of the Head of College

Southlands College, University of Roehampton

London SW15 5SL, United Kingdom

[christopher.stephens@roehampton.ac.uk](mailto:christopher.stephens@roehampton.ac.uk)

Electronic submissions are preferred.

NAME:

POSITION:

INSTITUTION/CHURCH:

CONTACT DETAILS:

NATIONALITY:

PREFERRED DATES OF RESIDENCE:

(We recognize that these might need to change.)

CONSENT FROM DEAN/SUPERVISOR:

I support this application and have given permission that they be released from their duties.

SUPERVISOR’S NAME: DATE:

PERSONAL STATEMENT OUTLINING REASONS FOR APPLICATION:

(Please address all the criteria mentioned in the advert and include your draft programme, underscoring the personal and professional benefits, and what you will contribute to the life of the Foundation, University and wider British Methodist community.)

ACCOMMODATION & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

(Single person accommodation is provided as standard. If you are likely to require any special access provisions, have other needs, or would prefer to source your own accommodation, please contact us to discuss this before applying.)

Signature of Applicant: Date: