

*Now open to Secondary and Primary School
teachers, teachers of RE to children with
Special Educational Needs,
and Headteachers*

Farmington
fellowships
for Teachers
of Religious Education
and Headteachers

Academic Year 2011–2012





The Farmington Institute

The aim of the Farmington Institute is to support and encourage teachers of Religious Education in schools, and Headteachers working on values and standards. It is financed by the Farmington Trust.

The Institute awards Fellowships to UK teachers of Religious Education in schools and Headteachers, publishes discussion papers and arranges conferences.

What types of Fellowships are available?

The Fellowships may be divided into two types: university-based and school-based. Teachers given university-based Fellowships will spend most of their Fellowship time at one of the selected universities or colleges given below:

Bath, Bath Spa University (Study of Religions Department); **Belfast**, St Mary's University College and Stranmillis University College; **Cambridge**, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Education/ Homerton College; **Durham**, St Chad's College, University of Durham; **Exeter**, University of Exeter (School of Education); **Glasgow**, University of Strathclyde (Faculty of

Education); **Lampeter/Carmarthen**, University of Wales Trinity Saint David; **Liverpool**, Liverpool Hope University; **Norwich**, University of East Anglia; **Oxford**, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford; **Warwick**, University of Warwick (Religions and Education Research Unit); **York**, York St John University.

The academic facilities of the Colleges and Universities are available for Fellows.

Farmington Fellows wishing to study at a non-residential University must live within a reasonable distance of the University.

University-based Fellowships are available for a maximum of an eight week block during a university term or a maximum of 30 days taken in the form of day release.

Teachers with school-based Fellowships will work at school or at home. The Fellowship may be taken in the form of day release, for instance for one day a week over a term or over the year or for continuous periods up to a maximum of 30 days.

Who is eligible?

The Fellowships are for teachers of Religious Education in UK secondary schools, primary school RE Co-ordinators or other primary school teachers involved in teaching RE, and teachers of children with Special Educational Needs who are involved with RE. Headteachers who wish to undertake research into either Religious Education or Values Education are also eligible to apply.

What subjects may be studied?

Fellows are free to study any aspect of Religious Education they wish but preference will be given to applicants whose work can be seen to be of direct value to the teaching of RE in schools. Occasionally, the Institute, in conjunction with one of its partner universities or colleges, may advertise for an RE teacher to undertake research on a specific topic which is relevant to RE.

How much will it cost?

The Fellowship will cover the cost of tuition, board and lodging where appropriate, essential local travel and, by negotiation with the school, the salary of a replacement teacher up to point 6 of the main pay scale.

What is required of Fellows?

All Fellows are expected to produce an outline study plan of their project, which must be sent to the Director of the Farmington Institute before the start of the Fellowship. Towards the end of the Fellowship, the Fellow will give a presentation on their work at the university/school and again at our 2012 conference. All Fellows are expected to produce a written report on the work they have undertaken, which must be sent to the Farmington Institute on completion of the Fellowship.

University-based Fellows will make contact with their host University during the term before they take up their Fellowship. School-based Fellows will make contact with their Farmington Tutor before they start their Fellowship. During the period of the Fellowship, there will be regular tutorials and at least one visit to the Farmington Institute.

Fellows are required to attend the Fellows' Conference *before* their Fellowship and the Conference *after* their Fellowship. Fellows who are still actively involved with RE will be invited to all subsequent conferences. The 2011 Conference will take place from 7.00pm on Friday, 1 July, to 2.30pm on Sunday, 3 July 2011. The 2012 Conference will take place from 22 – 24 June, 2012.

Applications

Application forms can be downloaded from the Farmington website, www.farmington.ac.uk, available under 'Farmington Fellowships'.

Alternatively, application forms are available from the address below. **The closing date for applications for the academic year 2011-2012 is 17 January 2011.**

Applicants may be asked to come for interview by the Selection Board. Interviews for Fellowships will take place in March 2011.

Enquiries

Further information about the Farmington Institute, its Fellowships and the work of previous Fellows is to be found on the Farmington website, www.farmington.ac.uk

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