

Durham Residential Research Library

Fellowships for the academic year 2023 - 2024

The Durham Residential Research Library (<http://durham-rrl.org.uk/>) is delighted to invite applications from researchers for Visiting Fellowships of one month in duration.

The Durham Residential Research Library aims to enable and foster research across the historic collections of Durham, notably Palace Green Library, the Oriental Museum, the Library of Ushaw College (the former Roman Catholic seminary just outside the City), the medieval Priory Library, the Cathedral Library and the archives of Durham Cathedral.

The resources available to scholars include not only libraries and archives, but also collections of visual and material culture, and architectural assets. The purpose of the Visiting Fellowships is to support research into these globally significant collections.

The Barker Visiting Fellowships are intended to support research into any of the collections held in Durham and there are a number of Lendrum Priory Library Fellowships available specifically to support work on the surviving contents of Durham Cathedral's medieval priory library. This collection is currently the focus of a large-scale digitisation project, Durham Priory Library Recreated www.durhampriory.ac.uk.

Fellows will be encouraged to work collaboratively with academic subject specialists, librarians, archivists and curators to realise the collections' research potential, and to develop innovative research agendas. They will also be encouraged to participate in the life of the University, particularly its broad range of seminar series.

Applications

Applicants should submit a short CV together with a summary of the project and materials they propose to work on, and the expected publications or other outcomes (maximum two sides of A4). Applications should demonstrate a serious research interest that focuses on primary source material within the collections held at Durham. Applicants who plan to collaborate with Durham academic staff are especially welcome and should mention this in their application.

There will be five fellowship intakes throughout the academic year, lasting for four weeks each:

Oct = 9 Oct – 3 Nov 2023

Nov = 13 Nov – 8 Dec 2023

Feb = 12 Feb – 8 March 2024

May = 22 April – 17 May 2024

June = 3 June – 28 June 2024

Applicants should indicate their preferred dates. They should also indicate to which university department(s) and/or research centres their research most relates. **Applications should be submitted by noon on Wednesday 26 April 2023.** We shall aim to notify successful candidates by the end of May 2023.

Fellows will be granted an honorarium of £2,000 per month towards their transport and subsistence costs. A small number of PhD bursaries may be available to the value of £600. Please note that fellows will be expected to arrange their own travel and accommodation.

Applicants are strongly advised to consult with the relevant collections staff to ensure that the materials they wish to work with are available at the times of their visit. This is particularly important in the case of the Oriental Museum, the Cathedral Library, 5 The College and Ushaw Library, all of which have limited opening hours. Recipients of all fellowships are expected to be in continuous residence in Durham and to participate in and make a contribution to the intellectual life of the University.

Information about the collections can be found here:

https://www.dur.ac.uk/library/asc/collection_information/

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