



FARMINGTON INSTITUTE
HARRIS MANCHESTER COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

FARMINGTON SCHOLARSHIPS

for headteachers and teachers of Religious Education and
associated subjects

Academic Year 2024-2025

**Open to headteachers, secondary and primary school
teachers, and teachers of RE to children with Special
Educational Needs**

The aim of the Farmington Institute is to support and encourage headteachers working in values and standards and teachers of Religious Education in schools.

The Institute awards Scholarships to UK based headteachers and teachers of Religious Education and associated subjects, publishes papers and reports, and arranges conferences.

What type of Scholarships are available?

Scholarships are divided into two types: university-based and school/home-based. Teachers who live within a reasonable distance of one of the selected universities or colleges may be awarded a university-based Scholarship if they wish to apply for one.

University-based Scholarships may be taken in the form of day release for up to 30 days, with the Scholarships being taken within university terms. The academic facilities of the universities/colleges are available for University-based Scholars.

Teachers awarded school/home-based Scholarships will be assigned a Farmington Tutor. The Scholarship may be taken in the form of day release, for instance one day a week over a term or over the year, or for continuous periods up to a maximum of 30 days, depending on the operational needs of the school.

Our selected universities/colleges are:

Bath: Bath Spa University (Study of Religions Department)

Belfast: Queen's University Belfast, St Mary's University College and Stranmillis University College

Bristol: University of Bristol

Cambridge: University of Cambridge, Faculty of Education/Homerton College

Chester: University of Chester

Durham: St Chad's College, University of Durham

Exeter: University of Exeter (School of Education)

Glasgow: University of Strathclyde (Faculty of Education) and University of Glasgow

Lampeter/Carmarthen: University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Lincoln: University of Lincoln and Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln

Liverpool: Liverpool Hope University and Liverpool John Moore University

London: St Mary's University, Twickenham

Norwich: University of East Anglia

Warwick: University of Warwick (Religions and Education Research Unit)

York: York St John University

Who is eligible?

The Scholarships 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 associated subjects, and teachers of children with Special Educational Needs who are involved with RE. Applications from headteachers who wish to undertake research which would be of help to their schools are also very welcome. Applicants should have held their present post for at least two years.

Which subjects?

Headteachers can study any subjects which would be helpful to their schools. School teacher scholars 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 Scholarship will cover the cost of tuition, essential local travel and, by negotiation with the school, the salary of a replacement teacher up to point 6 of the main pay scale (up to a maximum of £200 per day in total).

What is required of Scholars?

All Scholars are expected to produce an outline study plan of their project, which must be sent to the Farmington Institute before the start of their Scholarship. Towards the end of the Scholarship, the Scholar will give a presentation on their work at the university/school and again at our 2025 conference. All Scholars 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 Scholarship.

During the period of the Scholarship, there will be regular tutorials and at least one visit to the Farmington Institute for a Farmington Day at the beginning of the Scholarship year.

Scholars are required to attend the Annual Farmington Scholars' Conference before their Scholarship and the Conference after their Scholarship. Scholars who are still teaching RE will be invited to all subsequent conferences.

The 2024 Conference will take place from Friday 21st June to Sunday 23rd June 2024. The 2025 Conference will take place from Friday 27th June to Sunday 29th June 2025.

Applications

Application forms can be obtained by emailing:

Institute@farmington.ac.uk

or by visiting our website at www.farmington.ac.uk

The closing date for applications for the academic year 2024 – 2025 is Sunday 28th January 2024.

Applicants may be asked to come for interview by the Selection Board. Interviews for Scholarships will take place in February – April 2024.

Enquiries

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

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