

Call to Scholars in Science and Religion

OXFORD INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINARS IN SCIENCE AND RELIGION

Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities 2015–2016

A project funded by the Templeton Religion Trust

The Templeton Religion Trust has awarded SCIO, the UK Centre of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), a \$1.6 million grant to create summer seminars in Science and Religion in Oxford and enhance related activities at participating institutions.

Science and Religion are often presupposed to be antagonists, and debates in the field are often polemical or reliant on caricature. Part of the problem stems from the cultural differences that exist between the humanities and the sciences, differences which make cross-disciplinary discourse and collaboration in Science and Religion problematic.

These differences are among the issues to be addressed in the Oxford-led funded seminar programme, which will comprise:

- a series of research seminars in Oxford, UK, which will develop interdisciplinary training for 25 promising early- and mid-career faculty members from across the globe
- research- and student-focused activities at participating institutions
- a conference in Oxford for presidents of participating institutions



Application

While preference will be given to applications from full-time faculty members working at a CCCU member or affiliate institutions, including international affiliates, applications will also be considered from full-time faculty at other accredited, degree-granting institutions. Scholars from Africa and South America are encouraged to apply.

1 Completion requested by 15 September 2014:

Please complete the Intention to Apply form found on our website:

www.scio-uk.org/bridging-two-cultures

2 Complete full application by 20 October 2014:

The full application form, with explicit instructions, will be sent to you after we receive notification that you have completed the Intention to Apply form.

Key Features of the Project

Two month-long seminars:
5 July–1 August 2015 and
3–30 July 2016, for which each participant will receive a £1,750 stipend each summer, will include:

- lectures by eminent scholars in Science and Religion
- mentor sessions with participants and senior scholars
- one-to-one cross-disciplinary Oxford-style tutorials
- workshops on rhetorical, pedagogical, translational, and faith-based Science and Religion issues at participating institutions
- excursions to places such as Darwin's rooms in Cambridge and Francis Bacon's birthplace in St Albans
- cultural activities relevant to addressing the 'two cultures' challenge
- support for individual research projects intended for publication
- Funding for a research assistant which will both aid the participating scholar and create a valuable opportunity for developing a student scholar on the home campus.
- funding to establish (or bolster) science and religion student clubs at participants' home institutions
- Presidents' Conference (28–31 July 2016) on Science and Religion issues with leaders from participants' home institutions.



"Those three summers, without a doubt, were the best of my career. All that has happened here at Samford (Science & Christianity Cadre, undergraduate major, Center for Science and Religion, numerous grants - both research and program) are a direct result of the hard work invested in the project as well as in each individual participant."

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