



# Wesley House

The Methodist College in Cambridge since 1921

Resourcing Wesleyan leadership and scholarship for the transformation of church and world

## Wesley House Scholarship

### PhD in Wesleyan Leadership, Ministry or Supervision

Wesley House, the Methodist member institute of the Cambridge Theological Federation, is pleased to offer the following PhD scholarship in Leadership, Ministry or Supervision to be hosted by its Centre for Leadership, Ministry and Supervision. The aim of the centre is, in partnership where possible, to develop excellence in leadership, ministry and supervision practice through:

- a) research, publication and consultancy for policy development and implementation
- b) academic teaching and professional standard training
- c) the development and delivery of relevant patterns of initial and continuing ministerial development and support for identified communities of practice.

At Wesley House we have an international reputation in research, publication and professional training and consultancy in pastoral/reflective supervision. We are co-designing and teaching a diploma in leadership with Kenya Methodist University for the professional development of Kenyan Methodist Ministers. We offer an MA (distance, blended and in person) in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care. We have an upcoming International Conference in October 2021 entitled, 'Leading like a Methodist'.

#### About the scholarship

The scholarship is supported by the Wesley House Bursary Fund. The applicant should intend to pursue doctoral research in a topic within the field of leadership, ministry or supervision e.g. theology and practice of particular ministries (lay, ordained, pioneer, chaplaincy, oversight, spiritual direction, pastoral care); theological themes as they relate to leadership/ministry such as theodicy, ethics, ecclesiology; aspects of leadership theory and practice for particular contexts or amongst communities of practice (education, healthcare chaplaincy, denomination, mission engagement; cross cultural mission); themes in ministry e.g. wellbeing, development, formation for particular roles; impact of specific interventions, e.g. reflective/pastoral supervision, coaching programmes, ministry strategies.

As examples, recently completed and current doctoral projects supervised in this area include:

- Hannah Bucke (2021) *This is our body: pioneer ministry in the Methodist Church*
- Simon Edwards: (pending final corrections) *Emerging Church or Re-emerging Church. Do Fresh Expressions of Church in a UK Methodist context offer a new or significantly changed Methodist ecclesiology?*

- Lynette Harborne (2017) *What Constitutes Good Practice In Spiritual Direction And What Is The Contribution Of Supervision To That Practice?*
- Anne Holmes (2018) *What is the impact on the ministry of clergy of engaging in creative repair activities in a group?*
- Bai Liyan: (in progress) *Ageing well in post-industrial Singapore*
- Phyllis Muraya (2013) *Issues Of African Traditional Cultural Beliefs And Practices And Psycho-Spiritual Health In A Christian Setting*
- Alice Mwila Muthoni: (pending final corrections) *Changing religious affiliations: the impact of Pentecostal spirituality on the Methodist Church in Nyambene Synod*
- Stella Mwiti: (in progress) *Theological and contextual leadership development in the Methodist Church in Kenya*
- Brian Robinson: (in progress) *Narrative identity in British Pentecostalism*

For a conversation about viable topics please book a conversation with Dr Jane Leach, Principal. [jl332@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jl332@cam.ac.uk)

## Aim of the scholarship

To develop scholars and practitioners who wish to pursue careers in the following fields:

- academia (in practical theology/Christian leadership/ministry development)
- the church (in Christian ministry)
- another part of public life where an informed theological perspective would be valued (e.g. education, voluntary sector).

## Location of the scholarship

The scholarship is being offered for study by Wesley House, Cambridge for doctoral studies at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge. The successful applicant will join the internationally diverse Wesley House community of students and scholars for the duration of the three-year scholarship period. Residence in the college and active participation in the worshipping and community life of Wesley House are terms of the scholarship. The successful applicant will also be required to offer 4 hours per week to support the work of the Centre for Leadership, Ministry and Supervision.

Accommodation will be provided for a single student or a student with a partner. The college is unlikely to be able to provide family accommodation.

## Criteria for granting the scholarship

Consideration will be given to these factors in awarding the scholarship:

- Academic merit based on past academic performance
- Quality of the research proposal
- Belonging to/within a church eligible to be part of the World Methodist Council
- Commitment to the Wesley House ethos
- A research proposal that fits with the purpose of the scholarship and the objectives of the Centre for Leadership, Ministry and Supervision
- The applicant's future potential to contribute to research led developments in the church, theological education or to their academic discipline
- References (two academic and one personal/professional)
- Performance at interview (for shortlisted candidates only)

## Professional Development Opportunities

The recipient of the scholarship will have development opportunities through Anglia Ruskin University's Researcher Development Programme. They will have personal development opportunities through living and worshipping in an intercultural academic community. They will gain work experience in practical and research skills through contributing to the life and work of the Centre for Leadership, Ministry and Supervision.

## 2021 Information

### Timing

Applications accepted from: 19 April 2021

Application deadline: 14 July 2021

Move into Wesley House: September 2021

Official Entry into the PhD: Mid-September 2021

### Amount

- The scholarship is for three years, subject to satisfactory academic progress.
- The scholarship is for £18,500 per year for 3 years. This is sufficient to cover ARU fees, Wesley House fees and accommodation at Wesley House.
- Students will need to cover their own living expenses by taking out a doctoral loan or engaging in part time work. for more information see <https://aru.ac.uk/student-life/preparing-for-university/help-with-finances/postgraduate>

### **Accommodation**

The scholarship provides for single/double accommodation in Cambridge at Wesley House, Jesus Lane for three years. This includes utilities (water, electric, internet access).

### **Maintenance**

The student will need to fund their own living expenses.

The Scholarship does not cover any travel costs to Cambridge.

### **Eligibility for 2021 entry**

You must be able to apply successfully for entry to Anglia Ruskin University for a PhD (this can include the MPhil route to a PhD). Successful application to ARU does not guarantee that you will get the scholarship. Award of the scholarship does not guarantee admission to ARU.

Fee status: Home

Country you live in: UK

Citizenship: UK/permission to reside in the UK

### **How to apply**

Application for the scholarship should be made first. The successful applicant will then be invited to apply for entry to Anglia Ruskin University.

The Scholarship application should be sent to [office@wesley.cam.ac.uk](mailto:office@wesley.cam.ac.uk). We require these documents:

All documents that ARU requires for admission (found here:

<https://aru.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/theology>)

- Scholarship application form
- A CV
- A research outline (see <https://aru.ac.uk/research/postgraduate-research/how-to-apply>)
- Three reference letters (two academic references and one personal/professional/church reference)
- Academic transcripts
- A copy of your degree certificate(s).

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the college by the end of July 2021.

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## Further Information

### Relevant Web Links:

- Anglia Ruskin University <https://aru.ac.uk/research/postgraduate-research>
- Cambridge Theological Federation <https://www.theofed.cam.ac.uk/postgraduate/phd-arul/>
- Wesley House PhD <https://www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/research/researchdegrees/phd/>

### Contact Details

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