



Wesley House

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The Reverend Edward Rogers Scholarship in Christian Social Ethics

Wesley House, the Methodist member institute of the Cambridge Theological Federation, is pleased to offer the following PhD scholarship in Christian Social Ethics to be hosted by its Centre for Faith in Public Life. The Centre supports and promotes the active, informed, and constructive engagement of Christians and churches in public life for furthering 'the welfare of the city', peace, justice, freedom, equality, and the common good. It does this through study, research, publishing, and conversations in the area of faith and public life.

The Centre provides a hub for public theology and Christian social ethical thought within Wesleyan traditions. We are located physically in Cambridge and virtually through its global network of scholars. The Centre aims to promote the public ministry and mission of churches and the public witness of Christians in their daily lives.

About the scholarship

The scholarship is named in honour of The Revd Edward Rogers (1909–1997), former President of the British Methodist Conference, ecumenist, and prolific author in Christian social ethics. Rogers chaired the predecessor body to Christian Aid, the Community and Race Relations Committee of the British Council of Churches, and the ecumenical working party that produced *The Search for Security* (1973).

The applicant should intend to pursue doctoral research in a topic of Christian social ethics that aligns with the wide ethical interests of Edward Rogers. His interests included, but were not limited to:

- attitudes to alcohol, gambling, and pornography
- work, leisure, automation, and technology
- bioethics, science and faith
- industrial change and labour relations
- immigration and refugees
- politics, international relations, and world development
- political ideologies, economics, money, and poverty
- human rights and race relations
- war and peace, security, defence, and disarmament

For the application process, the applicant must select their own topic and develop their own proposal. Wesley House cannot guarantee supervision in every possible topic. In the first instance, applicants are advised to check possible topics with Dr Richard A. Davis, Director of the Centre for Faith in Public Life at Wesley House, Cambridge.

Aim of the scholarship

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

- academia (in public theology or theological ethics)
- the church (in Christian social ministry)
- another part of public life where an informed theological perspective would be of value (government or the 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. Accommodation is suitable for a single student or a student with a partner.

Wesley House is unlikely to be able to provide accommodation for families.

Residence in Wesley House and active participation in its worshipping and community life are terms of the scholarship. The successful applicant will also be required to offer four hours a week to support the work of the Centre for Faith in Public Life.

Criteria for granting the scholarship

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

- Academic merit based on past academic performance
- Prior qualifications
- Quality of the research proposal
- A research proposal that fits with the purpose of the scholarship and the objectives of the Centre for Faith in Public Life at Wesley House, Cambridge
- The applicant's future potential to contribute to faith in public life in academia, the church, or society
- References (two academic references and one personal/professional/church reference)
- Performance at interview (for shortlisted candidates only)
- Commitment to the Wesley House ethos

Professional Development Opportunities / Internship

The successful applicant will have development opportunities through the Anglia Ruskin University's Researcher Development Programme. There are opportunities to present work in progress in Wesley House research seminars and the Cambridge Theological Federation research conference. The successful applicant 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 Faith in Public Life at Wesley House and/or an equivalent institution in the academy, church, or voluntary sector.

2022 Information

This scholarship is open to both international and UK-based students. The timings below are for all applicants so that we can consider all applications together.

Timings

Scholarship applications:

- Scholarship applications accepted from Sunday 1 September 2021
- Scholarship application deadline is Sunday 3 October 2021
- Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by Wesley House in mid-October 2021

For the successful scholarship applicant:

- ARU application due Sunday 24 October 2021
- ARU admission interview to be mid-November 2021

For the successful scholarship and ARU applicant:

- Move into Wesley House: January 2022
- Official entry into the PhD: mid-January 2022

Amount

For UK-based students, the scholarship is for £18,500 a year for three years, subject to satisfactory academic progress. This is sufficient to cover ARU fees, Wesley House fees, and accommodation costs at Wesley House. The scholarship amount includes up to £300 a year for research expenses to be paid on production of receipts for supervisor-approved research travel or conferences.

For international students, the scholarship will pay your university and college fees for three years and provide free accommodation. Students who do not have the means to fund additional costs (say through students loans) can apply for additional funding up to £15,000 a year which can include maintenance (eg food and drink, books, computer), flights, and visas. Your application should demonstrate that you have exhausted other options to cover these costs, including student loans and other grants if they are available.

Accommodation

The successful applicant will be expected to live in accommodation in Wesley House, Jesus Lane for three years. Accommodation includes utilities (water, electric, internet access). For more information see: www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/visit/accommodation

Maintenance

The successful applicant will need to fund their own living expenses. They could do this by taking out a doctoral loan or by engaging in part time work. For more information see aru.ac.uk/student-life/preparing-for-university/help-with-finances/postgraduate

Unless additional funds are granted, the Scholarship does not cover any travel or moving costs to Cambridge.

Eligibility for 2022 Entry

To be awarded this scholarship applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. You must be able to apply successfully for entry to Anglia Ruskin University for a PhD (this includes the MPhil route to a PhD). Award of the scholarship does not guarantee admission to ARU.
2. Your fees and residential status may be either UK-based or international.
3. You must be able to demonstrate that you are a member of, or belong to, a church or denomination that is either a member of the World Methodist Council or eligible to become one.
4. If you are an international student, you must meet the minimum English language requirements: aru.ac.uk/international/entry-requirements

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 Wesley House. We require these documents:

- A letter of application
- A CV or resume
- One personal/professional/church reference letter
- Academic transcripts
- Evidence of English language proficiency for non-native English language speakers
- All the documents that ARU requires for admission (found here: aru.ac.uk/research/postgraduate-research/how-to-apply)
 - An outline of your research ideas. (for details see aru.ac.uk/research/postgraduate-research/how-to-apply)
 - A copy of your degree certificate(s).

- Two academic references on letter headed paper, signed and dated.
- A photocopy of your passport, including the photograph and personal details page(s). International applicants living in the UK (and with home fee status) must also provide photocopies of visa(s) and immigration stamps.

Email these documents no later than Sunday 3 October 2021 to Wesley House at office@wesley.cam.ac.uk

Wesley House reserves the right to not award or readvertise the scholarship if no suitable applicant is found.

Further Information

Centre for Faith in Public Life at Wesley House, Cambridge

www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/about/centres-at-wesley-house/centre-for-faith-in-public-life

Anglia Ruskin University aru.ac.uk/research/postgraduate-research

Cambridge Theological Federation www.theofed.cam.ac.uk/postgraduate/phd-arv

Wesley House PhD www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/research/researchdegrees/phd

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