



Farmington Scholarships for Teachers of RE

The aim of the Farmington Institute is to support and encourage teachers of Religious Education in schools by allowing them to take day release, for instance for 1 day a week over a year, or for a continuous period up to 30 days. This is an amazing opportunity for any RE teacher.

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Who is eligible?

The Scholarships are for secondary RE teachers and primary school RE co-ordinators or other primary school teachers involved in teaching RE, and teachers of children with Special Educational Needs who are involved with RE. Headteachers who wish to undertake research into values and standards in schools, school leadership, school improvement, or religious education are also eligible to apply. Applicants should have completed at least two years in their present post.

What subjects may be studied?

Scholars are free to study any aspect of Religious Education they wish but preference is given to applicants whose work can be seen to be of direct value to the teaching of RE in schools. In the past Suffolk teachers have created new schemes of work, researched storytelling in RE, looked at different ways of assessing RE, investigated visits and visitors in RE, work on EYFS, etc. It is a wonderful opportunity to study something of real practical value for your school and to have the time to do it paid for.

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.

What is required of the Scholars?

All Scholars produce an outline study plan of their project, which must be sent to the Farmington before the start of the Scholarship. Towards the end of the Scholarship, the Scholar will give a presentation on their work at the University/School and at the annual Farmington conference in June. All Scholars 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 Scholarship, there will be regular tutorials and at least one visit to the Farmington Institute. A tutor may be appointed for you locally or in nearby university e.g. Cambridge or Norwich.

Scholars are required to attend the Scholars' Conference before their Scholarship and the Conference after their Scholarship. Scholars who are still actively involved with RE will be invited to all subsequent conferences.

Applications

Application forms for Scholarships are available from the Farmington Institute at farmington@hmc.ox.ac.uk or by downloading from the website. The closing date for applications is usually mid to late January. Applicants are interviewed by the Selection Board in February-April. Further information can be found on the website.

<http://www.farmington.ac.uk/index.php/farmington-scholarships/>

Suffolk SACRE recommends all RE teachers / leaders to undertake a 'Farmington'; the benefits for individuals, schools and the RE community are outstanding. Suffolk has supported many Farmington scholars over the year and is very proud of its record of successful applicants.