



ANN PEART VISITING SCHOLARSHIPS IN UNITARIAN AND DISSENTING HISTORIES

Harris Manchester College, Oxford is offering two visiting scholarships each summer. This year the programme will run from Monday 29 June to Saturday 11 July 2026.

The scholarships are named for the distinguished feminist historian of Unitarian history, Rev Dr Ann Peart, who has generously donated the funding for the programme. The scholarships are offered for academic and/or creative research and are intended to foster innovative, cross-disciplinary engagement with Unitarian and Dissenting traditions within and beyond the history of Harris Manchester College and its unique archives and collections. They will be supported by the resources of the College through the library and its team, and, more widely, also offer access to Oxford's libraries and collections.

In keeping with Ann Peart's commitment to equality and inclusion, priority will be given to women researchers and projects addressing feminist themes, and to research emerging from the LGBTQ+ community and to people of colour. The scholarship is open to early career and established scholars, as well as to artists, writers and independent researchers. We are especially interested in applications from those who have not yet had access to Oxford's libraries, its scholarly community or its research facilities

The Structure and Support of the Scholarship Programme

Each Scholarship is offered for a period of two weeks to begin on Monday 29 June 2026 (scholars will be expected to arrive in Oxford on the evening of Sunday 28 June).

Accommodation will be provided for the period of the residency and meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) during the first week, when the Ann Peart Scholars will join the cohort of researchers at the college's Summer Research Institute. Travel expenses to and from the college will be paid. Scholars will also receive a stipend of £500 for the two-week residency. Ann Peart wishes to support parents by offering financial support for childcare, to be arranged by the Scholar outside the College.

Ann Peart Scholars will have University Visiting Academic status (which provides access to College and University libraries). It will be activated for a three-month period around the residential period (1 June to 31 August) as well as support for library and archival research, including training in how to access and use college archives and other resources.

Outputs, Reporting and Publicity

The Ann Peart Scholarships are intended to benefit Scholars' research and practice as well as contributing to the creative and intellectual life of the college and the growth of Unitarian and Dissenting Studies through creating new resources and projects. Scholars are expected to produce material evidence of their work in at least one of the following forms within the year following the residency:

- Academic paper, journal article, or book proposal
- Creative project (e.g., play, novel, radio programme)
- Public lecture or workshop
- Contribution to College publicity and community engagement
- Enhancement of College collections (e.g., cataloguing, digitisation, archival work)

Scholars will be required to provide evidence of outputs and will be invited to contribute to college publicity (e.g. blog posts or social media).

How to Apply

The deadline for applications is 30 March 2026. All applicants must submit a one-page project proposal, together with a CV and the names and contact details for two referees. For an informal conversation about this opportunity please contact Rev Dr Claire McDonald claire.macdonald@hmc.ox.ac.uk. Completed applications should be sent to the same email address.

Terms and Conditions

Scholarships may not be held concurrently with another scholarship or award, and Scholars will be required to remain in residence for the duration of the Scholarship.

Incomplete applications, or applications without references will not be considered.

It will not be possible to provide individual feedback on unsuccessful applications.

Candidates from outside the EU will need **to check the regulations** for acquiring a visa to visit the UK for the period of their fellowships

Timeline

- Applications open: **30 January 2026**
- Applications close: **30 March 2026**
- Notification: **1 May 2026**
- Scholarships begin: **29 June 2026**
- Scholarships end: **11 July**
- Deadline for providing evidence of outputs: **31 December 2026**