Chawton House Library

Chawton House Library Visiting Fellowships 2012-13 in partnership with the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Southampton

Applications are invited for one-month Visiting Fellowships at Chawton House Library (CHL) to be taken up between October 2012 and the end of August 2013 (please note: no Visiting Fellowships will be awarded during December 2012, January and July 2013). Deadline for applications: **16 April 2012.** All Fellows will be offered accommodation and office space in the main Library building. They will also be given library rights at the University of Southampton, including access to both electronic and archival resources at the Hartley Library.

Chawton House Library is an independent research library and study centre focusing on women's writing in English from 1600 to 1830. Accommodated in the Elizabethan manor house that once belonged to one of Jane Austen's brothers, in the village of Chawton in Hampshire, the library's main aim is to promote and facilitate study in the field of early women's writing. The magnificent library collection of early editions from the period is freely accessible to members of the public, while the Library also runs a programme of events and activities relating both to the historical house and the focus of the collection. For more information please see www.chawtonhouse.org

The University of Southampton has particular strengths in the long eighteenth century. The Southampton Centre for Eighteenth-Century Studies (SCECS) runs a successful interdisciplinary MA, and organizes seminars and conferences throughout the year. All visiting fellows will be encouraged to take part in SCECS activities, and will be invited to present short papers of their work in progress at an afternoon seminar during their time at CHL. For more information about SCECS, including the research interests of individual members, please see http://www.soton.ac.uk/scecs/
For information about Special Collections at the Hartley Library, see
http://www.southampton.ac.uk/archives/about_us/index.html

The aim of these Fellowships is to enable individuals to undertake significant research in the long eighteenth century. In keeping with the mission of CHL and the special qualities of the library's collection, projects that focus on women's writing or lives during the period are warmly welcomed. Any proposal, however, that promises significant research on the long eighteenth century will be given careful consideration. We would also welcome applications from groups of up to four scholars who wish to pursue a joint project while in residence.

The Fellowships would be of particular interest to members of university and college faculties on leave from their institutions and graduate students for whom a stay at Chawton would be beneficial in completing the thesis or dissertation required for their degree. All Visiting Fellows would be expected to be in residence in Chawton for the duration of their fellowship, and will find the tranquillity of the location especially conducive to their work.

We are unable to offer visiting fellowships to any scholar who has already held a Fellowship in the previous 3-year period, even if the proposed period in residence is for a new research project.

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How to Apply

Please email the following documents:

- A covering letter giving full contact details, and stating clearly the desired month of residence.
- A proposal for the work you intend to carry out as a Visiting Fellow - to be no more than 2 pages in length and typed in double line spacing.
- Your CV - to be no more than 3 pages in length.
- One confidential letter of recommendation to be emailed separately by the referee.

The documents should be emailed to:

Sandy White, English Department
University of Southampton
Email: sw17@soton.ac.uk

Any late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by the end of June 2012, at the latest.

Dr Gillian Dow administers the scheme on behalf of the University of Southampton and Chawton House Library and chairs the selecting committee which is made up of colleagues from both institutions.

The Library catalogue is online and can be accessed via the library website
http://www.chawton.org/library/index.html

Visiting Fellows will be expected to donate a copy of the manuscript or published work resulting from their stay at Chawton House Library to the Library collection, and to publish a short article in the Library newsletter, *The Female Spectator*.

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