



Chawton House Library Visiting Fellowships in partnership with the School of Humanities at the University of Southampton

Applications are invited for 1-3 month visiting fellowships at Chawton House Library (CHL) to be taken up between October 2010 and the end of August 2011. The deadline for completed applications for these fellowships is May 30th 2010. All Fellows will be offered accommodation in the Elizabethan Stable Block at CHL, and office space in the main Library building. They will become visiting fellows in the School of Humanities at the University of Southampton, a privilege that grants 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 Jane Austen's brother, 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 School of Humanities at the University of Southampton is composed of seven different academic disciplines: Archaeology, English, Film, History, Languages, Music and Philosophy, please see www.humanities.soton.ac.uk It has particular strengths in the long eighteenth century: the interdisciplinary Southampton Centre for Eighteenth-Century Studies (SCECS) runs a successful MA in eighteenth-century studies, 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, where the centre has a dedicated room for researchers. 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

Home to early English Women's writing

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The aim of these fellowships is to enable individuals to undertake significant research in the long eighteenth century. In keeping with the mission of the 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.

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 tranquility of the location especially conducive to their work. The Library catalogue is online and can be accessed via the library website <http://www.chawtonhouse.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*.

Informal expressions of interest should be sent for the attention of Dr Gillian Dow, who administers the scheme on behalf of the University of Southampton and Chawton House Library, and chairs the selecting committee. She can be contacted on gillian.dow@chawton.net. A typed letter of application including the preferred dates of study and a brief research proposal (not to exceed three pages), should be sent electronically for the attention of Gillian Dow to the following email address: visitingfellowships@chawton.net. The proposal should be accompanied by a *curriculum vitae*. The applicant should also arrange to have two confidential letters of recommendation sent electronically to the Library, using the visitingfellowships@chawton.net email address.

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