



The aim of the Farmington Institute is to support and encourage headteachers working in values and standards, and to teachers of Religious Education and associated subjects in schools.

The Institute awards Scholarships to UK based headteachers and teachers of Religious Education and associated subjects, publishes papers and reports, and arranges conferences.

## What type of Scholarships are available?

Scholarships are divided into two types: university-based and school/home-based. Teachers who live within a reasonable distance of one of the selected universities or colleges may be awarded a university-based Scholarship, if they wish to apply for one. All scholars are paired with a local tutor/mentor.

Scholarships take the form of day release from teaching for up to 30 days. University based Scholarships are taken within university terms. The academic facilities of the universities/colleges are available for university-based Scholars.

The Scholarship may be taken flexibly: some scholars take one day a week over a term or over the year; others take continuous periods, up to the maximum of 30 days, depending on the operational needs of the school.

Scholarships may be divided between two or more teachers, who need not be at the same school. Each applicant should fill in a separate application form, noting that this is a joint application.

Together with the St Luke's College Foundation (StLukesCF.org.uk), the Farmington Institute offers a scholarship to teachers in the Southwest. It is normally linked to support from the University of Exeter.

Temple Grove Farmington Scholarships are jointly awarded by the Temple Grove Schools Trust and the Farmington Institute and are awarded to primary teachers to promote excellence in primary education across all subjects, a separate application form is available on our website.

Our selected universities/colleges are:

**Bath:** Bath Spa University (Study of Religions Department)

**Belfast:** Queen's University Belfast, St Mary's University College and Stranmillis University College

**Cambridge:** University of Cambridge, Faculty of Education/Homerton College

**Durham:** St Chad's College, University of Durham

**Edinburgh:** Queen Margaret University

**Exeter:** University of Exeter (School of Education)

**Glasgow:** University of Strathclyde (Faculty of Education)

**Lampeter/Carmarthen:** University of Wales Trinity Saint David

**Lincoln:** Bishop Grosseteste University

**Liverpool:** Liverpool Hope University and Liverpool John Moore University

**Norwich:** University of East Anglia

**Warwick:** University of Warwick (Religions and Education Research Unit)

**York:** York St John University

## Who is eligible for a Farmington Scholarship?

The Scholarships are for teachers of Religious Education in UK secondary schools, primary school RE Co-ordinators, or other primary school teachers involved in teaching RE and associated subjects, and to teachers of children with Special Educational Needs who are involved with RE. Applications from headteachers who wish to undertake research which would be of help to their schools are also very welcome. Applicants should have held their present post for at least two years.

## Which subjects?

Headteachers and Temple Grove Farmington Scholars can study any subjects which would be helpful to their schools. School teacher Scholars are free to study any aspect of Religious Education they wish, but preference will be given to applicants whose work can be seen to be of direct value to the teaching of RE in schools. Occasionally, the Institute, in conjunction with one of its partner universities or colleges, may advertise for an RE teacher to undertake research on a specific topic which is relevant to RE.

## How much will it cost?

The Scholarship will cover the cost of tuition and essential local travel. A grant is awarded (dependant on your pay scale) to your school, for a replacement teacher up to M6 of the main pay scale, up to a maximum of £215 per day in total.

## What is required of Scholars?

All Scholars are expected to produce an outline study plan of their project, which must be sent to the Farmington Institute before the start of their Scholarship. Towards the end of the Scholarship, the Scholar will give a presentation on their work at their university/school and again at our annual summer conference. All Scholars are expected to produce a written report on the work they have undertaken, which must be sent to the Farmington Institute on completion of the Scholarship.

Scholars must attend an Induction Day at the beginning of the scholarship (paid for by Farmington) and work regularly with their tutor over the year.

Scholars are required to attend the Annual Farmington Scholars' Conference before their Scholarship and the Conference after their Scholarship. Farmington will cover the cost of travel and accommodation at these times. Scholars who are still teaching RE will be invited to all subsequent conferences.

The 2025 Conference will take place from 6.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, to 2.30pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025.  
The 2026 Conference will take place from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## Applications

Application forms can be obtained by emailing:

[institute@farmington.ac.uk](mailto:institute@farmington.ac.uk) or by visiting our website at [www.farmington.ac.uk](http://www.farmington.ac.uk)

**The closing date for applications for the academic year 2025 – 2026 is Sunday 26th January 2025.**

Applicants may be asked to come for interview by the Selection Board. Interviews for Scholarships will take place in February – April 2025.

## Enquiries

Further information about the Farmington Institute, its Scholarships and the work of previous Scholars is to be found on the Farmington website:  
[www.farmington.ac.uk](http://www.farmington.ac.uk).

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# FARMINGTON SCHOLARSHIP

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## Academic Year

## 2025-2026

**Open to Secondary and Primary  
School teachers, to teachers of RE  
and associated subjects, to children  
with Special Educational Needs, and  
Head teachers**