

AMERICAN MEMORIAL CHAPEL TRAVEL GRANT

- To foster understanding and the exchange of ideas between clergy of all denominations

The American Memorial Chapel Travel Grant gives a member of the clergy, from any denomination, the exciting opportunity to undertake a tour of the USA for approximately four weeks with the aim of fostering understanding and the exchange of ideas. The panel is particularly looking for proposals that will have an impact for those involved and their communities and that will forge on-going and productive relationships between both individuals and organisations.

Who can apply?

The grant is offered to anyone resident in the UK who is a member of the clergy of the Episcopalian, Roman Catholic or Free Churches.

How much is the grant worth?

The grant is for £2,000, which can be given to one candidate or spread across several, at the discretion of the judging panel.

What can the grant be used for?

- The grant can be used for travel anywhere in the United States. Past scholars have used the grant to finance a wide range of projects, including the international development of Parish Nursing; a study examining whether churches can remain authentically Christian whilst engaging with postmodern culture and looking at how different churches and denominations reach out to migrant worker communities.
- Any proposal that meets the objective of the grant – to further understanding and the exchange of ideas between British and American clergy – is welcome.
- The successful applicant will be expected to make his/her own travel arrangements and to organise the itinerary. The panel should be kept informed of the scholar's plans. The tour should last approximately three to four weeks, and must be taken within one year.
- Successful applicants will be expected to complete a report on their experiences for the ESU and American Memorial Chapel Travel Grant committee.

The AMCTG award is being administered by Ripon College Cuddesdon on behalf of the English-Speaking Union. The ESU continues to manage the funds entrusted to it for this purpose by the American Memorial Chapel Trust Fund, as they have done since 1961.

For more information on how to apply contact amctg@rcc.ac.uk or visit www.rcc.ac.uk. The deadline for this year's applications is 30 September 2014.

Testimonials

"The American Memorial Chapel Travel Grant has allowed me to pursue a long cherished ambition. It was an absolutely marvellous experience: despite the wonders of the World Wide Web, the virtual cannot compete with reality. Experience gives to the monochrome of factual information a luminosity and vibrancy of colour which is stimulating and enriching. Without the impetus and practical support of the grant it would not have happened."

2006 American Memorial Chapel Travel Grant scholar

"Thank you ESU for such a wonderful opportunity - it has been a revelation for me"

2009 American Memorial Chapel Travel Grant scholar