**The John Rylands Research Institute**

**Huntington Exchange Fellowship 2025-26**

**Deadline Monday 15th September 2025 - applications should be emailed to:** [**research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk**](mailto:research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk)

The JRRI is keen to promote collaborative working with other world-leading special collections in the United States though the promotion of research, networking and other collaborative activities with scholars in the US by University of Manchester researchers. US Special Collections fellowships are available to researchers at the University of Manchester (including PhD students) who wish to spend up to one month during the 2025-26 academic year in the Huntington Library in California.

These fellowships will cover return air travel (booked on your behalf) and will offer a bursary of £3,000 towards accommodation and other expenses to enable individuals to conduct research, gain insights from other researchers at host institutions or nearby universities and extend collaborative networks to directly benefit academic research at the University of Manchester. All applications should provide a statement to demonstrate how this work will serve as a step towards a larger, externally funded grant bid.

All applications are assessed by the Institute Directors in consultation with curators (at both the Rylands and the host organisations) and academics with relevant expertise. The successful applicant will also receive support from the Institute/School Grant Writer to apply for follow-on funding based on the activities supported by the grant.

Pre-application advice is available from:  
The Director of the JRRI, Professor Guyda Armstrong: [guyda.armstrong@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:guyda.armstrong@manchester.ac.uk)

**Application Process**

The completed application form should include:

* The name, affiliation and contact details of the applicant
* A short summary of the relevant experience of the applicant (approx. 500 words).
* Details of the intended project to include: title, start and end dates, objectives, methodology and outputs.
* A description of the project’s link to the relevant Special Collections: either to specific collections or to broader associated research areas.
* Future plans for the research project, including a statement outlining how this will serve as a step towards external grant capture.
* Brief up to date curriculum vitae and list of relevant publications (if appropriate).
* Applications and queries should be e-mailed to: [research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:research.jrril@manchester.ac.uk)

**What will the applicant receive?**

* Return air travel and up to £3,000 towards accommodation and other expenses (smaller grants are possible for shorter trips).
* Support from the Institute grant writer.
* Please note that applicants are responsible for making their own visa arrangements.

**What will the Institute expect from the applicant?**

* All awarded US SC Fellowships must be completed before 31 July 2026**.**
* All grant holders must produce a report/blog post at the end of their project.

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| ***Applicant details*** | |
| Name | |
| Job title or academic status | |
| Subject area/School/Faculty | |
| Applicant Telephone Number | Applicant E-mail Address |
| Short summary of relevant experience of applicant (max. 500 words) | |
| ***Project details*** | |
| Title of project | |
| What are your preferred dates for the Fellowship? (n.b. all Fellowships must be completed before 31 July 2026) | |
| Project objectives (500 words max.) | |
| Which library holdings do you wish to consult? | |
| Project outputs (300 words max.) | |
| ***Future plans (including a statement outlining how this will serve as a step towards external grant capture)*** | |
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| ***Professional Details*** | |
| Please provide an up-to-date curriculum vitae as a separate document(s) (max. 2 pages) | |
| Please provide an up-to-date list of relevant publications (if appropriate) attached to your application as a separate document(s) (max. 2 pages) | |