

Templeton Religion Trust and The Blankemeyer Foundation have awarded SCIO, the UK Centre of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), a grant of ca. \$2 million to create summer seminars in science and religion in Oxford and enhance activities on CCCU-related campuses.

Science and religion are often presupposed to be antagonists, and debates in the field are often bad-tempered and reliant on caricature. Part of the problem stems from the cultural differences that exist between the humanities and the sciences, differences which make cross-disciplinary discourse and collaboration in science and religion problematic.

These differences are amongst the issues to be addressed in the Oxford-led funded seminar programme, which will comprise

- summer research seminars for faculty in Oxford, UK
- research and student-focused activities on CCCU campuses
- special seminars for institutional leaders on relevant issues

These components will see social and natural scientists join those in the humanities to explore contemporary science and religion issues guided by eminent scholars in the field and in a respectful and research-rich learning environment.

Campus programmes will develop young scholars, support conversations across the wider student body, and help campus leaders engage with current issues in science and religion. These complementary project elements will shape participants and their institutions for years to come.

Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities II

2017–2019

Key Features of the Project

- for CCCU members and affiliates, though consideration given to applications from other faith-based universities, especially from Latin America and Africa
- two month-long seminars in summer 2018 and summer 2019, for which each participant will receive a £1,750 stipend each summer, will include
 - o significant time for research and access to Bodleian Libraries
 - o lectures by eminent scholars in science and religion
 - o mentor sessions with participants and senior scholars
 - o one-on-one cross-disciplinary Oxford-style supervisions
- o workshops on rhetorical, pedagogical, translational, and faith-based science and religion issues on CCCU campuses
- o excursions to places such as Darwin's house and relevant collections in Cambridge
- o cultural activities relevant to addressing the 'two cultures' challenge between science and religion
- a touring play made available to participating North American campuses
- support for individual research projects
- two course releases for participants, for the sake of research, partially paid by the project
- substantial funding to establish (or bolster) science and religion student clubs on participants' home campuses
- funding towards student research assistants studying science and religion on one of SCIO's student programmes
- a three-day presidents' roundtable in Oxford on science and religion issues with institutional leaders from participants' campuses
- spring 2019 weekend colloquium in North America for the participants along with their chief academic officers, chief student development officers, and chaplains
- book allowance for institutions from Africa and Latin America

Above photo: Entrance to Oxford University Museum of Natural History, with angel holding the Book of Life and a dividing cell.

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Application details

- Application materials will be published 1 April, 2017
- Application deadline 15 September, 2017

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