



## Oxford Interdisciplinary Seminars in Science and Religion: Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities II

### *Grant Memorandum of Understanding*

**Scholar:** Sr Beena Jose, Vimala College

**Project Title:** *The Mastery of Science Meets the Mystery of Religion: A Critical Study of the Theological and Ethical Dimensions of the Recent Advances in Genetic Sciences and Its Impact on Religion, Society and Culture'*

**Grant Period:** 1February 2017to31 December 2019

#### **Nomenclature:**

**Bridging Two Cultures:** Oxford Interdisciplinary Seminars in Science and Religion: Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities II  
**Grantee:** The award recipient participating in the project  
**Participant Title:** SCIO Visiting Scholar in Science and Religion  
**SCIO:** Scholarship & Christianity in Oxford, the UK subsidiary of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities  
**CCCU:** Council for Christian Colleges & Universities  
**Project Director:** Stanley P Rosenberg or his successor/designate  
**Descriptor:** Oxford Interdisciplinary Seminars in Science and Religion: Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities II, organized by Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford with funding from Templeton Religion Trust and The Blankemeyer Foundation

#### **1 Disbursement of Grant Funds Provided by Templeton Religion Trust and the Blankemeyer Foundation**

For North American grantees and institutions, payments will be made by the CCCU's DC Office and will be paid out in equivalent US Dollars based on the lesser of the GBP to USD exchange rate at the date of payment or 1.36. For grantees not originating from North American institutions, alternative arrangements will be discussed.

#### **2 Stipends for Grantees and Institutional Payments**

##### **2.1 Individual Participant Stipends**

- A stipend of £1,750 will be disbursed to the grantee in two halves by **15 July 2018 and 15 December 2019** (the latter payment after grantee's annual report is submitted and approved).
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##### **2.2 Research and Institutional Resourcing Payments**

The following funds will be disbursed to the business office of the participant's home institution in order for the participant to engage one or more research assistants; provide startup funding for a science and religion student club; assist with the required two-course release; and provide funding towards the Research Assistant Oxford Study Grant (see note below).

##### **2.2.1 Research Assistant/s**

- £500 by **15 February 2018** upon submission and approval of the Research Assistant Job Description and Outline of Use form.
- £2,000 by **15 September 2018**
- £500 by **30 May 2019**

### 2.2.2 Science and Religion Clubs

- £1,500 by **15 September 2018** upon submission of an initial club plan which must be approved by the Bridging Two Cultures project team.
- £1,500 by **15 September 2019** upon submission and approval of a report on the clubs first academic year activities and expenditures and club plans for the 18-19 academic year and participation of the approved campus executive in the summer 2019 Presidents' round table.

### 2.2.3 Course Buyout

- £2,000 by **15 September 2018** upon written confirmation of the two-course release sent by the appropriate institutional official.

### 2.2.4 Research Assistant Oxford Study Grant

- A fee waiver of £2,000 for one Research Assistant Study Grant. Funding for the Research Assistant Oxford Study grant is conditional on the acceptance of the research assistant to SCIO's Scholars' Semester in Oxford (SSO) in either Fall 2018 or Spring 2019, OR Oxford Summer Programme. (OSP) 2018 or 2019. The institution agrees that other school-based funding normally provided by the institution to the RA will not be rescinded in light of this funding grant. Namely, it is understood that this fee waiver is over and above any other funding normally provided to students for study abroad.

## 3 Participant Commitments

### 3.1 Overview

The grantee commits to:

- Complete the objectives in a timely manner which is in keeping with grant expectations, instructions, and in consultation with the project's Staff and Principle Investigators;
- Fully participate in the summer seminars;
- Pursue the scholarly work outlined in the research proposal of your application (subject to appropriate revisions as you proceed through the seminars);
- Employ and mentor one or more research assistant/s using the funds provided to advance the research project and the assistant's own academic development;
- Set up (in a manner/mode consistent with your institution's policies and practices) and, for the duration of the grant, act as faculty advisor of a religion and science student club helping them to appropriately use the seed money the grant provides;
- Provide timely reports per below.

### 3.2 Summer Seminars

Participants agree to attend both summer seminars on **1 July– 29 July 2018** and **30 June – 28 July 2019**.

### 3.3 Proposals and Reports

#### 3.3.1 Research Assistant Proposal

The participant must complete the Research Assistant Job Description and Outline of Use form by **1 February 2018**. The proposal includes a short job description and a plan for using the research assistant. The first disbursement of Research Assistant funds will be released upon approval of the form.

#### 3.3.2 Science and Religion Club Proposal

A draft of the Science and Religion Club Proposal form will need to be completed and sent by **29 June 2018**. The grant leadership will assess the draft and supply any comments by the end of the **July 2018**. The final Science and Religion Club Proposal form will need to be completed by **17 August 2018** and, upon approval, club funds will be disbursed.

#### 3.3.3 Progress Report

A progress report shall be submitted by **30 November 2018**. A report form will be sent to the participant in good time to be completed and submitted by the date indicated. This report (generally 2-4 pages in length) will include the following information:

- Brief descriptions of the activities that have been carried out under the grant during the period. This includes progress on research, an update on how the research assistant has enhanced research and an update on the progress of establishing a Science and Religion club.
- A report on expenditure of grant funds to date.

### 3.3.4 Final Report

Upon completion of the grant period on or before **15 November 2019** a final report shall be submitted. The grant leadership will send to each participant, in good time to be completed and submitted by the date indicated, the final report form. It will be a cumulative report outlining the activities, dissemination of results and expenditures for the entire term of the grant. The report will include the following information:

- A self-assessment of the extent to which the grant facilitated completion of the project;
- Electronic copies of your publications (both academic and popular);
- A comprehensive list of activities including lectures and presentations;
- Campus-related impact related to science and religion during the grant period;
- Planned future publications, lectures, campus impact reasonably expected to be fulfilled;
- A report on the impact of the project for the research assistant/s including:
  - Any publications the assistant/s either contributed to or produced themselves;
  - The assistant's future plans or next steps with regard to science and religion (e.g., did he or she apply to do graduate study in the field?);
- A report on all Science and Religion Club activities, the results of a student survey (designed by the Bridging Two Cultures project team) on the effectiveness of the Science and Religion Club.

## 4 Institutional Commitments

### 4.1 Overview:

The grantee's college/university commits to:

- Covering the flight costs for their participant to attend the Seminars in 2018 and 2019 and the North American Colloquium in February 2019.
- Provide two-course or equivalent release from duties during the 2018-19 academic year;
- Allow/facilitate the hiring of research assistant/s;
- Allow/facilitate the creation/enhancement of a religion and science student club with the grantee as faculty advisor and research assistant as a coordinator/participant;
- Participation of the faculty member, the chief academic officer and one or two senior administrators in the North American Colloquium, expected to be held in February, 2019, which is expected to be offered as part of the annual meeting of chief academic officers from CCCU institutions. The financial commitment is for travel costs only. The grant pays for room, board and related on-site costs.
  - NB: This is a North American institutional requirement only. Participants from institutions outside N. America are warmly welcome but not required. Travel grants may be available to help these institutions but that is not certain at this time.
- Participation of the president (or the CAO if agreed by the project director at least 6 months in advance; the expectation of the project and the grantors is that presidents will participate so waiver of this should be understood to be for an exceptional reason) in the 2019 Presidents' Science and Religion Roundtable. NB: The financial commitment is for travel costs only. The grant pays for room, board and related on-site costs.

### 4.2 Course Release

As stipulated, the school must offer a two-course release in the 2018-2019 academic year. NB: If a participant is being offered a sabbatical instead of a course release, this must be additional time over and above their normal sabbatical grant and not merely a bundling together of an expected sabbatical with the grant-directed course releases. Questions or variations on this may be discussed with the *Bridging Two Cultures II* project director.

### 4.3 Presidents' Science and Religion Roundtable

By signing this agreement form, the president agrees to attend the Presidents' Science and Religion Roundtable 25-27 July 2019 in Oxford, UK. In rare cases, exceptions will be made to allow a CAO or other appropriate campus executive to attend but please note the intention and funder expectation is to provide an opportunity and engagement with the issues specifically for presidents.

### 4.4 North American Colloquium

By signing this agreement form, the faculty participant, the chief academic officer and one or two additional senior administrators (sending two is strongly encouraged) which should include either the chief student development officer, the chaplain / campus ministry director, chief enrolment officer, or chief advancement officer, agree to attend the North American Colloquium in February 2019. Final date to be confirmed. NB: This is a North American institutional requirement only.

## 5 Publicity

SCIO and the CCCU reserve the right to publicize this award and appropriate informational items from the annual reports on its web site or other appropriate media.

- Grantees are expected to cooperate with the SCIO and the CCCU communication staff in the preparation of press releases and news stories.
- Grantees and their institutions are expected to acknowledge support from SCIO and the **Oxford Interdisciplinary Seminars in Science and Religion: Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities II** in science and religion club events, press releases, academic and popular publications, and public presentations, websites, and the like where these result from or are impacted by the scholarly work being supported.
- Please use the following sentence in acknowledgements:
  - "Sponsored by a grant given by *Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities II*, a project run by Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford, the UK subsidiary of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, with funding by Templeton Religion Trust and The Blankemeyer Foundation."
- Neither the participants nor their institutions may describe themselves as holding any sort of status at the University of Oxford. The University itself is not party to this project and neither the participant nor the institution should imply that the participant has any sort of implied or actual status at the University. Participants should describe themselves as being a "SCIO Visiting Scholar in Science and Religion";
- This is a project run by SCIO which is located in Oxford. SCIO is not itself formally linked to the University of Oxford but rather to Wycliffe Hall; therefore it would be inappropriate to say that you are a 'visiting fellow at Oxford' (or a 'visiting fellow at the University of Oxford'), have a 'fellowship' at Oxford (or a 'fellowship' at the University of Oxford), or imply that you are a member or formally part of the University of Oxford. You may however describe your work as taking place in Oxford, that the seminars are held at Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford and St Hugh's College, University of Oxford, that you will be working with University of Oxford faculty (amongst others) and that you will be working in University of Oxford libraries, as long as the way you word things does not suggest that you have funding from or a position at the University of Oxford.
- In addition, you are not a Templeton Fellow, Blankemeyer Fellow or TRT Fellow, etc. It is appropriate to indicate that you are a part of a project funded by TRT, but since your actual award is from SCIO, you should not indicate that you are a direct Templeton grant awardee.

## 6 Failure to Comply and Unexpended Funds

### 6.1 Non-fulfillment of Expectations by Grantee and/or Institution

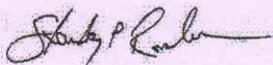
SCIO and/or the CCCU reserves the right to discontinue funding and participation in events, entirely or in part, as appropriate, based on the non-fulfillment of agreed to expectations.

### 6.2 Unexpended Funds

Any grant funds that are unexpended and for which there are not firm plans (for Spring, 2020 clubs expenditure as proposed) by 31 December 2019 shall be returned in the form of a check to the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. Requests with specific proposals for use of unexpended funds must be submitted to the project director for approval at the time of the final report.

All administrative communication and reports should be sent electronically to:  
[science&religion@scio-uk.org](mailto:science&religion@scio-uk.org)

On behalf of SCIO, I extend good wishes for the success of your project and agree to the terms of this contract.



Stanley P. Rosenberg, PhD  
Executive Director, SCIO

Project Director, *Bridging Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities II*

Please complete this section and email the entire agreement as a PDF to science&religion@scio-uk.org by 19 December 2017.

We acknowledge that we have received and retained a copy of this MOU statement. We agree to comply with all the requirements set forth therein, and future expectations, instructions consultation with the project Staff and Principle Investigators.

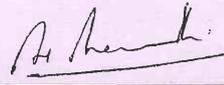
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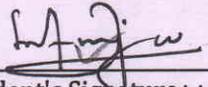
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+By signing this you agree to the institutional requirements set out above, including bringing at least one additional senior administrator to the February 2019 North American Colloquium.

++By signing this you agree to attend the Presidents Conference in 25-27 July 2019 in Oxford, UK