**Susanna Wesley Foundation**

**DTh Scholarship Proposal**

The Susanna Wesley Foundation (SWF) is a partnership of the Methodist Church in Britain, through the Southlands Methodist Trust, and the University of Roehampton. It creates and promotes opportunities for research, enquiry and dialogue around questions of management, leadership and organization in the context of faith communities and religious institutions.

The Foundation works in a number of areas, including:

* Learning for management, leadership and ministry
* Diversity in leadership
* Identity in Christian ministry
* Governance, management and organization in faith communities

Our work encompasses scholarship, research and innovation, including events and programmes of activity relating to that work.

The Foundation particularly encourage applications for the DTh Scholarship from those whose proposed research aligns with any of the following themes:

* Well-being and mental health
* Systemic change
* Access, inclusion and opportunity
* Issues around sustainability

While the DTh Scholarship is open to all, applications are particularly welcomed from Black and Global Majority candidates.

We embrace a wide range of methodologies in our research, recognizing the need to adopt an approach appropriate to the needs of a particular project. Alongside this, however, we place a particular value on action research and methodologies which ensure our work is embedded in the communities it studies, involving co-creation and real impact.

In line with this collaborative approach, we particularly seek projects which will facilitate such an impact through the production of outputs aimed to resource change in faith communities. Therefore, alongside academic writing, we hope and expect research funded by the Foundation to include the production of learning materials. These could take a variety of forms, including written or online resources, courses delivered through our online learning platform, or training events.

Full details about the Foundation and its portfolio can be found on [www.susannawesleyfoundation.org.](http://www.susannawesleyfoundation.org.D) Details about the DTh Programme can be found on [www.roehampton.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses/practical-theology-dth](http://www.roehampton.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses/practical-theology-dth)

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Forms should be submitted in electronic form to SWF@roehampton.ac.uk

**1 | Basic Information**

Name, current post/role and full contact details:

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Title of proposed DTh project:

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Concise description of proposed research:

100 words maximum

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**2 | Details of Project**

In no more than 1500 words, please provide a description of the project, giving a succinct outline of the proposed work, but with sufficient detail to assess the nature and quality of the application.

In your description, please consider the following areas.

* Aims, objectives and rationale for the project
* Why this work will be unique, or unique in its context
* Which of the four themes of the work of the SWF the proposed work links to and how it will further the work of the Foundation in that area (the strands as listed on the first page of this document and on the website)
* How this project will support the broader working aims of the SWF
* How the project might support the aims and purposes of the Methodist Church in Britain
* Work (if any) that has been done to ensure that the work will be linked as best it can to the learning communities of the Methodist Church and the University of Roehampton
* Information about your hopes for its impact, both in academic circles (where relevant) and to the life of faith communities (that could be locally, regionally, nationally, globally – or all of these)
* An answer to the key question, “How will this make a difference to an individual in a specific, local faith community context?”

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**3 | Background and Experience**

Please set out in no more than 500 words your background expertise and experience, demonstrating your suitability to undertake the research

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**4 | Dissemination of Research**

Please describe how you intend to disseminate the findings, learning and/or products of this work. This should, where possible, include consideration of routes within the Methodist Church (and its ecumenical partners) and the University of Roehampton/Southlands College, as well as standard academic publication.

Preference will be given to applications which look to effect practical change, as well as those which have considered in detail both academic and Church-based routes of dissemination. Therefore, please indicate how you intend to provide from your work learning or training resources for local faith communities. This could involve a range of media, including training activities or events.

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