

FELLOWS

PROGRAMME

LONDON

2012/13 Programme Information

Contents

- ✓ **What is the Fellows Programme?**
- ✓ **How does the Fellows Programme work?**
- ✓ **What topics does the Fellows Programme cover?**
- ✓ **Is the Fellows Programme for me?**
- ✓ **How much does the Fellows Programme cost?**
- ✓ **How to apply**
- ✓ **Is the Fellows Programme Any Good?**
- ✓ **Contact details**

The London Fellows Programme

What is the Fellows Programme?

The [Fellows Programme](#) is a part-time year-long discipleship & mentoring programme that focuses on spiritual and theological growth, and discipleship of the heart and mind. It is created by the C.S. Lewis Institute in the USA and delivered by Latimer Minster in the UK.

The Programme is devoted to developing disciples who can articulate, defend, and live faith in Christ in public and personal life, and allows individuals to intensively explore life-changing truths from key biblical themes in discipleship, spirituality, apologetics, and worldview whilst staying in full-time employment.

The 2012/13 London Fellows Programme is the second course to be run outside of the USA, and is a demonstration of the course's widespread success and God's intention to make it available to others across Europe. The first UK course began in Autumn 2011.

How does the Fellows Programme work?

Prepare in Advance:

Ahead of the course launch in September, Fellows complete reading equivalent to 900 pages of text in preparation for the main topics. This is punctuated with the submission of an essay and questionnaire to the course director by August.

Group and One-on-One Accountability & Discipleship:

At the January launch weekend a Fellow will be paired with their own mentor from those available, who they'll meet with personally to discuss discipleship issues and who will hold them to account for their learning and growth. Fellows are then assigned a small-sized group at the beginning of the year who will become the individuals with whom they discuss and pray with at the lectures and elsewhere. The groups consist of no more than eight fellows and four mentors.

A Monthly Cycle:

Fellows then meet one Saturday morning per month to listen to a lecture from a world-renowned and respected subject expert followed by group discussion and prayer. During the rest of the month a Fellow will complete the assigned reading, articles, webinars, videos and audio (equivalent to 250 pages a month), then meet once with a group for dinner, topic discussion and prayer. Finally fellows are encouraged to meet one-on-one with their mentor.

Work from Home in your own Time:

Each monthly theme includes readings from classic works and recent audio/video messages to deepen each Fellow's understanding. They are drawn together at the end of the month by the submission of a short essay to their mentor.

Stay in Work:

The programme is designed for busy professionals to continue their work whilst participating as a Fellow and studying key biblical themes during a year of reading, thinking, learning, mentoring, and discipleship.

Pre-Course April – May 2012:

Submit application form, attend induction and interview day

Pre-Course June - August 2012:

Complete pre-course reading by 31st August

Launch September 2012:

Attend launch weekend (Friday -Sunday) away from London to discuss the year ahead and receive teaching. Fellows are assigned a small group (based on sex, age, or location) and are paired with a mentor

Monthly Cycles October 2012 – June 2013:

- One Saturday morning lecture within tube zones 1-6 by a world-renowned subject expert, followed by group discussion and prayer*
- One evening meeting with your local group to eat dinner, discuss the month's theme, and pray in triplets.*
- One meeting with your chosen mentor*
- Complete assigned reading (mixture of books, articles, webinars, videos, and audio-normally equivalent to 250 pages a month)*
- Submit one essay to mentor*

Graduation June 2013

What topics does the Fellows Programme cover?

The goal of the Fellows programme is to help committed disciples of Jesus Christ develop the solid biblical beliefs, spiritual depth and moral character that will enable them to glorify God and impact their spheres of influence for Christ. The program provides life-changing truth from key biblical themes in discipleship, spirituality, apologetics, and worldview:

14th – 16th September: **The Grace of God and True Conversion: Understanding How God brings us to Salvation**

20th October: **Following Jesus**

10th November: **Living a Life of Love: Learning to Love God and our Neighbour**

8th December: **Growing in Humility by Forsaking Pride**

12th January: **The Holy Spirit and Obedience**

9th February: **Growing in Prayer: Developing Deeper Intimacy with God**

9th March: **Trusting the Bible: Gaining Confidence that God's Word is True**

13th April: **Being Transformed by the Word: Reading, Studying, and Meditating on God's Word**

11th May: **Calling: Recognizing and Responding to God's Call on Your Life**

8th June: **Understanding and Engaging Today's World: How Others See the World and Why**

Is the Fellows Programme for me?

Want to go deeper?

The London Fellows Programme is designed for believers who have a solid faith in Christ but want to:

- grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ;
- be more credible and effective for Christ in the Church and the world;
- actively serve Christ in their sphere of influence;
- be equipped for evangelism, discipling and helping those in need.

Young & Professional?

Our 2012/13 course is aimed at, but not exclusively for, young professionals.

Want to stay in your job but also want to learn?

Fellows continue in their careers while participating in this year-long program, and requirements are designed to be achievable for busy professionals with families. However, the programme demands are intense, so applicants need to be highly motivated in their desire to grow spiritually.

Want further help deciding?

You can download the application form our website (www.minster.org/fellows) The form has a number of questions to work through which may help you decide whether or not to apply.

How much does the Fellows Programme cost?

NOTHING, \$0, NADA, £0, ZILCH, €0, GRATIS!!

(Two little exceptions)

1. All Fellows are asked to cover the cost of their participation in the launch weekend retreat in September, which is about £200.
2. Fellows are also expected to pay for the books and materials required for the programme, which will cost approximately £225 for the year (if bought new).

But help when you can

The London Fellows Programme, however, costs approximately \$3,450 (£2,500) per person to provide the Fellows programme.

We, therefore, do not use a fixed tuition structure but instead ask Fellows to make the Programme one of the ministries (after their church) that he or she supports on a regular basis either during the course itself or when their salary and finances make it appropriate to do so. As a guide we ask you to consider a minimum £500 donation; £1,500 if your situation allows.

How to apply

Send us an application form

If you're a committed Christian who wants to know and love God more, get onto our website (www.theminster.org/fellows_programme) and download an application form now. Fill it out, giving time to answer the questions and then hand on the relevant section to referees, and get it back to us no later than 15th May 2012

Please post your application to us at: **The London Fellows Programme, Latimer Minster, c/o The Garden Room, 38 Pennylets Green, SL2 4BT.** You can also phone us on 0300 303 8800 or email us at London@cslewisinstitute.org to confirm receipt, or ask any questions.

What we'll do when we get it

We'll read your application form and if we think the timing is right for you we will invite you to an informal interview.

What are we looking for from applicants?

We want to have a reasonable expectation that you will benefit from the programme and become a stronger, more credible and effective disciple of Jesus Christ in your sphere of influence. So here's a list of things we're looking for when we read your application and references, and listen to your interview:

- ✓ An applicant's strong desire to know and love God more deeply and to live out the gospel more faithfully.
- ✓ An applicant's strong desire to actively serve Christ upon completion of the programme, evidenced by a commitment and tentative plan of action.
- ✓ An applicant's strong desire to share the gospel of Christ with others and to help them grow as His disciples.
- ✓ An applicant's commitment to engage with the programme in terms of attendance, reading, group participation, and being mentored in discipleship.
- ✓ An applicant's willingness to be open about his or her intellectual, spiritual, and personal life along with a desire to receive godly insight and guidance.
- ✓ An applicant's geographic proximity to programme venues and ability, therefore, to attend all meetings.
- ✓ Support of the applicant's spouse, if married.
- ✓ Availability of space in the group (places are limited each year).
- ✓ Completion of a good application and interview with Institute staff, and two positive recommendations, including one from the applicant's pastor.

* We can accept applications after this date but cannot guarantee interview slots will be available, nor that successful applicants will have time to complete the required pre-course reading in time for September 2012. If you will struggle hitting the deadline, please contact us to discuss it.

Is the Fellows Programme Any Good?

Rev'd Alister McGrath, President, Oxford Centre for Evangelism and Apologetics: *"The [Fellows Programme] is one of the nation's premier catalysts of the Christian mind, offering the churches a rich diet of spiritual and intellectual nourishment. I am thrilled by its vision for the future."*

Ravi Zacharias, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries: *"The [Fellows Programme] is a great effort to instruct eager minds in probing the depths of moral imagination and spiritual truth."*

Dr. John Hutchinson, Senior Pastor, McLean Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA: *"The [Fellows Programme] has equipped not just people in our church but our church."*

Dr. Bill Kynes, Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church, Annandale, Virginia:
"The Fellows Programme deepens the faith and commitment of people in the local church, and I found that they come back from their experience in the Fellows Programme more committed to the local church and better equipped to serve."

Michael Ramsden, European Director, RZIM Zacharias Trust:

"In all my travels around the world, I have never seen a discipleship programme as effective."

Stuart McAlpine, Senior Pastor, Christ Our Shepherd Church, Washington, D.C.: *"I love the DNA of this ministry that has such a broad appeal to the body of Christ. Not broad in that it waters anything down, but broad in the fact that there is something about the clarity in its presentation of the truth that is so attractive."*

Gail Thompson, Christian Counsellor: *"It's been the most effective resource I have experienced in my 34 years of ministry. It provides rigorous but achievable opportunities to grow in grace, wisdom and maturity."*

Rev. Dr. John Yates, Rector, The Falls Church, Falls Church, Virginia:
"I've seen how high commitment (through the Fellows Programme) has resulted in great growth over a short period of time."

Other advocates of the UK Fellows Programme are: [CARE](#), [Onelife](#), [247 Prayer](#), [Latimer Minster](#), [3DM](#), [Conservative Christian Fellowship](#), [Liberal Democrat Christian Forum](#), [Christian Socialist Movement](#), [Christian Concern](#), [the Lawyers Christian Fellowship](#), [Christian Medical Fellowship](#), [Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics](#), [Theos](#) and more! These organisations encourage participation in the Fellows programme by their alumni .



The London Fellows Programme
Latimer Minster
C/o The Garden Room
38 Pennylets Green
SL2 4BT

CSLI: www.cslewisinstitute.org/london
Minster: www.minster.org
Phone: 0300 303 8800
Email: london@cslewisinstitute.org