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William H. and Kathryn E. Brackney Angus Travel Bursary

The Angus Library and Archive at Regent's Park College, University of Oxford, is the leading world-class collection for the study of Baptist and Nonconformist history and heritage. It comprises over 70,000 items relating to the life and history of Baptists, many of which are rare and unique. The Angus is connected to the Centre for Baptist Studies, a research centre of Regent's Park College which aims to develop research and scholarship in Baptist history and theology and to relate Baptist history and theology to Baptist life and principles today.

Scholars from all over the world use the Angus Library and Archive for a wide range of research. While certain items in the collection have been digitised and are available online, the vast majority require scholars to visit in person to be able to access them.

We are, therefore, delighted to invite applications for the new *William H. and Kathryn E. Brackney Angus Travel Bursary* to allow more scholars to access material relevant to their research in person. During the 2023-2024 academic year, the bursary is worth £1000.

Eligibility

Doctoral students, those holding faculty positions and conducting research, and qualified independent scholars based at, or with a verifiable connection to, a recognised, high calibre academic institution *in the US or Canada*.

To be eligible to apply for the bursary the research undertaken must be in a topic relevant to the Centre for Baptist Studies; specifically, Baptist, Nonconformist or Dissenter history and heritage.

Application process

To apply, please submit your research proposal via email to fota@regents.ox.ac.uk
Please write 'Angus Travel Bursary 2024-2025' in the subject line of the email.

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Applications should be sent in PDF format and should be no longer than 800 words. You should detail what resources in the Angus Library and Archive you wish to use and how these resources fit with your wider research project.

The Angus Library staff can assist in identifying resources in the collection that are relevant to your work. Enquiries can be sent to angus.library@regents.ox.ac.uk

The closing date for applications is 12th July 2024.

Bursary awards

Funds will be disbursed to award holders via their academic institution, not directly to award holders.

The award holder will hold full responsibility for booking their own travel and accommodation, however, they will need to present evidence that the award has been only used for travel, accommodation and subsistence for the visit to the Angus.

Timings of visits

Regent's Park College will negotiate the length and timing of any proposed visit with the award holder in accordance with availability of study space in the Angus and availability of library staff, so that scholars have the most productive time possible. Applicants should be aware that the Angus may be closed for maintenance at certain points across the year, these dates are planned in advance and will be shared with the award holder.

Requirements of award holders

Recipients of the award will be required to submit a short report at the end of their stay, briefly outlining their research findings during their visit to the Angus, to be submitted to the Director of the Centre for Baptist Studies, and used for publicity purposes.

Award holders will be asked to reference the *William H. and Kathryn E. Brackney Angus Travel Bursary* in any published work arising from their research at the Angus Library and Archive.