

International Summer School 2019 – Music Development Scholarships

for lay and ordained persons in positions of leadership - musical and/or spiritual

Thanks to a generous gift, the RSCM is able to offer full scholarships to a maximum of three adults in positions of leadership within their church to attend the 2019 International Summer School, who couldn't otherwise afford to do so. These scholarships will be awarded to applicants who fulfil the published criteria and whose attendance at the ISS, in the view of the RSCM, would have the greatest impact on the worshipping life of their church over the next 3-5 years.

Successful applicants will be offered a residential place, which includes all tuition, excursions, entry fees to sites visited, most meals, and accommodation on site for six nights.

The criteria

Applicants must be:

- 18 or over and resident in the UK/Ireland
- able to self-fund the cost of travel to the ISS in Norfolk
- an Individual/Student member of the RSCM and/or a member of an RSCM-affiliated church
- in a leadership role in a church of any Christian denomination. Someone in a relevant leadership role could be:
 - a minister, priest or other ordained leader
 - a lay worship leader, with demonstrable responsibility for the oversight of music within the church
 - a director of music; organist (with responsibility for musical oversight); music group leader; choir leader/director; youth worker with musical responsibility
- able to confirm that they intend to serve in their current role, either in their present church or, if a move is in view, in a comparable situation, for at least the next 3-5 years
- unable to fund the cost of attendance through a combination of their own means, and those of their church and other relevant sources

Applicants should show through their application the impact that their attendance would have on their church, over the medium to long term.

Applicants will be required to submit a supporting statement from a suitable referee on the appropriate form. Your referee must be your immediate church supervisor, either musical or spiritual, provided that person has sufficient seniority to comment upon the work you will do as a result of the scholarship.

Multiple applications from the same church will be accepted, but a maximum of one scholarship place will be offered. Scholarships will be offered to individuals and will not be transferable except in exceptional circumstances. This will be at the discretion of the RSCM.

If the applicant leaves the role through which they applied without undertaking another, the RSCM reserves the right to reallocate the scholarship. The RSCM may not exercise this right if the applicant moves to a similar role in another church.

Successful applicants agree to be contacted by the RSCM approximately 12 months after the ISS and will be asked to provide a report detailing the short-term impact of attendance.

Applications should be sent, for the attention of Rosemary Field (RSCM Deputy Director: Education, Voluntary Networks; Safeguarding), to iss@rscm.com. Application forms and supporting statement forms can be submitted together or separately. The closing date for application is **Friday 25th January 2019**. All applications will be acknowledged. Successful applicants will be offered scholarships by the middle of February and there will be a reserve list in case they are unable to accept.