

**Information for Departments
about the
*John Stott Visiting International Scholar/Artist/Practitioner
in Human Needs & Global Resources***

This is an ongoing, annual opportunity for academic departments to bring an international visitor to campus for approximately 1-4 months, to be nominated and hosted by a department for the duration of the visitor's stay. Any department can nominate and host a visitor. This position funded by the John Stott Endowment in Human Needs & Global Resources.

Deadline for Nominations:

Completed nomination applications should be sent to the Director Of HNGR, Laura Yoder, by the **3rd Monday in November for the following academic year**. The initial selection by the HNGR Advisory Committee (HAC) will take place sometime in December. A long lead time is essential for Visitors who may need to apply for a U.S. visa.

Criteria:

This initiative follows the standard International Visiting Scholar procedures and is administered through Global Programs and Studies (see attached application). Selection of the candidates will be determined by the Human Needs & Global Resources Advisory Committee and approved by the Dean of GPS in consultation with the divisional dean. Eligible scholars/artists/practitioners for this award will meet the following criteria:

- 1) Demonstrate commitment to Christian engagement in situations of injustice, conflict, environmental degradation, poverty, and suffering. This program seeks to invite individuals with a history of direct involvement in compassionate, church-based responses to human need.
- 2) Citizenship or long-term residence in a Majority World region (Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East).
- 3) Hosted by a department that will provide office, studio, and/or lab space as appropriate, as well as collegial and logistical support for the duration of the Visitor's stay at the College. Visitors can come at any time in the academic year that suits the visitor and the hosting department.
- 4) Commit to maintaining presence among the campus community, in both formal and informal settings. This may include interactions such as giving public lectures, (co-)teaching a course, research collaboration, or developing an artistic show or performance, as well as being available for meals and informal conversations with members of the campus community and other related constituents. Departments are encouraged to consider creative arrangements to maximize the visitor's interactions on campus; for example, some Stott Visiting Artists have given a Master Class for students at HoneyRock over Spring Break.
- 5) Eligible for a U.S. visa appropriate to the activities planned.

Although visiting scholars and instructors are not required to sign the Wheaton College Statement of Faith and Community Covenant, they are expected to: 1) show respect for the

religious values and beliefs of Wheaton College, 2) agree not to make an issue of disagreements with either document, 3) agree to abide by the behavioral requirements of the Community Covenant while on campus, and 4) conduct themselves off-campus so as not to reflect adversely upon the College.

Funding:

Administered by Global Programs and Studies (GPS). The amount of funding will be dependent upon available monies and the length of the individual's time in residence at Wheaton, as well as expenses required for an individual visitor's presence and work. As the purpose is for the individual to have significant and sustained interaction with the campus community, a stay of approximately six weeks or longer is preferred, and the minimum stay is one month. (Shorter visits are possible and might permit multiple visitors to come in a given year, depending on funds available.) Budgeting for the scholar's expenses and honorarium is done collaboratively among GPS-HNGR-Hosting department representative. Note that the formal letter of invitation, including financial details, is issued by the Dean of GPS.

Hosting responsibilities:

Experience has shown that **it is essential for an International Visitor to have a strongly supportive departmental anchor in order for the person to have a good experience** at Wheaton College. It can be difficult and lonely to be a medium-term guest in a new place. The hosting department must have a faculty point person who *commits to take significant and primary responsibility for the logistics and collegial support for the duration of the visitor's stay*. Before arrival, this will include determining what housing arrangement will best suit the Visitor's professional and personal needs, collaboration with GPS to identify potential housing, and communicating with the Visitor about travel schedules and activities. Upon arrival, this will include welcoming the Visitor, helping to arrange the schedule of activities, introducing the Visitor to colleagues and students, hosting events for the Visitor, and ensuring that the Visitor has regular social support. Faculty are welcome to meet with HNGR Director Laura Yoder before the formal nomination process to discuss the individual's interests and to gauge preliminary congruence for this program, as well as to discuss the logistics of hosting a visiting scholar. Hosting departments will be provided funds to host a welcome reception. Global Programs and Studies will assist the Visitor with international travel arrangements.

Nomination process for Departments:

Please complete the attached application form to nominate a Visitor, and attach the Visitor's c.v. Then please have your Departmental contact person, Department Chair, and Dean sign this form to acknowledge that they have been informed of the nomination and provided comments regarding the nomination moving forward to the HNGR Advisory Committee (HAC). Please submit the completed application to Associate HNGR Director James Huff. The HAC will select one or more candidates to pursue. The Dean of GPS in consultation with the divisional dean will then approve the candidate and draft a formal letter of invitation.