

Sabbaticals and Visiting Scholars Policy

1. Rationale

- 1.1. LST has a peaceful campus in London with an excellent library and fully catered accommodation, which makes it attractive place for those looking for a base for a sabbatical or period of research.
- 1.2. With capacity in student accommodation, Sabbatical Visitors may fill rooms that would otherwise be unoccupied, providing income to the School.
- 1.3. Sabbatical Visitors have the potential to contribute positively to our academic and community life.

2. Policy

- 2.1. Applications from Sabbatical Visitors are invited for periods of one month to one year.
- 2.2. Sabbatical Visitors will normally be on sabbatical leave from another institution or ministry, or undertaking an intensive period of research or writing (e.g., for a research degree or book project).
- 2.3. While resident at LST Sabbatical Visitors should not be in active employment, though very part-time teaching (for example as a VL) may be acceptable.
- 2.4. Sabbatical Visitors will be asked to provide a brief proposal and references (one academic, one pastoral) to the Academic Dean, using a Cognito Application Form for the purpose. They will then be interviewed by the Academic Dean or another senior member of faculty, in person or through video conferencing.
- 2.5. Sabbatical Visitors may book accommodation and meals at LST for some or all of their research leave/sabbatical.
 - 2.5.1. They should be made aware of term-times, the Christmas closure, and other weeks when the kitchen is closed, requiring them to source their own meals.
 - 2.5.2. Only single, fully catered accommodation is available.
- 2.6. Sabbatical Visitors may attend Chapel, other prayer and worship events, social events, research seminars, and LST conferences (paying the student rate where ticketed).
- 2.7. Library access is provided for free for resident Sabbatical Visitors. Non-resident Sabbatical Visitors will pay normal Library visitor fees.
 - 2.7.1. Library borrowing of up to 12 books at a time may be arranged with a returnable deposit of £500.
 - 2.7.2. Access to the digital library is possible on-campus only with an additional fee of £20 per week, or £50 per month.
- 2.8. Sabbatical Visitors may audit campus classes, with the permission of the Academic Dean and lecturer.

- 2.9. Sabbatical Visitors are required to agree to the LST Safeguarding Policy and Community Code. They are also expected to respect the School's Doctrinal Basis, but as non-members of the School and of faculty, they will not be required to sign it.
- 2.10. Accommodation and meal fees are set out on the website **here** [LINK TO FOLLOW}

APPLICATION FORM:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/LondonSchoolOfTheology6/SabbaticalVisitorsApplication>