

THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP



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Upon being ordained by the United Presbyterian Church, Fred Rogers '62 believed that what he did through *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* was his ministry. He knew that ministry didn't have to be through a church or through ordination. He said, "I think we can all minister to others in this world by being compassionate and caring."



ABOUT THE THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the **Fred Rogers Institute at St. Vincent College** have partnered to offer a one-year post-doctoral fellowship in theology and ministry beginning in summer 2024. This fellowship honors the work and legacy of “Mister” Fred Rogers, who graduated in 1962 from the Seminary and whose work is recognized at the Institute. This fellowship integrates, for the first time, the theological and educational areas of Fred Rogers’ legacy providing tools for parents, caregivers, congregations, and non-profit organizations.

This exceptional opportunity provides a two-semester appointment for an academic post-doctoral scholar to pursue research within the Fred Rogers Archive and teach at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. To align with the Fred Rogers Institute and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary’s areas of focus, preference will be given to researchers emphasizing youth and children’s ministry. A goal of the fellowship is that research will lead to the creation of educational and/or ministry programs or curriculum regarding course subjects or strategies for children and youth consistent with the work of the Fred Rogers Institute, the mission of its sponsoring organization, Saint Vincent College, and the mission of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Fred’s belief that every person has “something worth giving” is central to the foundation and efforts of the Fred Rogers Institute at Saint Vincent College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as they pursue a joint fellow in theology and ministry.

The 2024-2025 application period is now closed.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW EXPECTATIONS

Conduct research in the Fred Rogers Archive related to theology and ministry, particularly focused on children and youth. This will include a minimum of two in-person research visits throughout a one-year appointment.

In collaboration with the Faith Forming Families Network at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, create an educational and/or ministry program and/or curriculum related to children and youth.

Publish results of research conducted in the Fred Rogers Archive (e.g., white paper, peer-reviewed academic article).

Present research and work at one or more Fred Rogers Institute conference and/or symposium events.

Teach one course per semester in Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's educational programming potentially including master's level curriculum and continuing education programming.

Attend bi-semester hybrid gatherings in person at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Conduct research and teach in a manner that aligns with the mission and aims of the Fred Rogers Institute, Saint Vincent College, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

COMPENSATION

The Fellow in Theology and Ministry is a contracted position between the Fred Rogers Institute at Saint Vincent College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and will include an annual stipend of \$60,000 beginning July 1, 2024. Note that this is not a salaried position and will not include fringe benefits. Additional stipend funding will be available to support travel, conferences, and research endeavors.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DO I HAVE TO LIVE IN THE PITTSBURGH AREA TO BE SELECTED FOR THIS FELLOWSHIP?

WILL I RECEIVE BENEFITS?

COULD THIS POSITION EXTEND BEYOND A ONE-YEAR APPOINTMENT?

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