



Fred Rogers Institute and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Fellowship in Theology and Ministry

Fred Rogers was many things throughout his life. He was a husband, father, son, children's television producer and host, linguist, and musician. In 1962, Fred Rogers was ordained by the Pittsburgh Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church. Fred Rogers' faith and religious foundation were essential parts of him, which he brought to all he pursued. When speaking of his specific ministry, Fred stated:

When I was ordained, it was for a special ministry, that of serving children and families through television. I consider that what I do through Mister Rogers' Neighborhood is my ministry. A ministry doesn't have to be only through a church, or even through an ordination. And I think we all can minister to others in this world by being compassionate and caring. I hope you will feel good enough about yourselves that you will want to minister to others, and that you will find your own unique ways to do that.

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. This exceptional opportunity provides a twelve-month 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, Saint Vincent College, and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's areas of focus, preference will be given to researchers emphasizing youth and children's ministry.

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, podcast, webinar, video, 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 offerings which may include teaching in the master's level curriculum, continuing education courses, or community offerings.
- Attend bi-semester hybrid gatherings in person at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. These gatherings meet for three days in September, October, February and March of each year.
- 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.

Contact info@fredrogersinstitute.org if you have any questions.

Application

This application must be submitted by the application deadline of March 15, 2024 at 11:59pm EST.

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