Guidelines for lecturers

THE MONTGOMERY TRUST
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Governance

The Montgomery Trust lectures are governed by trustees comprising Major Nigel Bovey, Justin Brierley, Dr Claire Gilbert, and Peter S Williams.

Purposes

The purpose of the Montgomery Trust lectureship is set by the will of Sir Alexander Cecil Montgomery, the founder of the trust. His will (of 1937) says that the lectureship is 'for the purpose of promoting lectures in explanation and defence of the Christian Religion and with a view to removing difficulties widely felt in the way of faith in God and to demonstrate the reasonableness of theistic faith.'

In accordance with the will, our preference is for lecturers who are 'proficient in some branch of science or scholarship', and who are laypeople 'with a gift for popular exposition'.

Please ensure that your event aligns with our purposes and is for the benefit of a broad audience. Your event should be open to the public, or run by an educational establishment, and it should be available on non-profit basis. We do not provide funding for private training or in-house residential events. If you have questions, please contact the Montgomery Trust administrator, Chris Garman, to discuss.

Booking a Montgomery Trust lecture

If you receive an invitation to lecture on a theme related to Christian apologetics, you are welcome to encourage the lecture organiser to seek Montgomery Trust sponsorship. While we do not automatically grant sponsorship, we do welcome applications and consider them carefully. Please direct your organiser to the Host a lecture section of our website.

Once we have received and approved the organiser's application, we then process the booking, agree the payment of your time and costs, and send out relevant information and evaluation forms.

How we work with lecture organisers

We will be in touch with the lecture organiser to let them know what they need to do. But for your information, this is how our process works.

- At least two months before the event, the organiser contacts Chris Garman, the trust administrator, to make their booking

- The expenses of the lecture room and any advertising are the responsibility of the organiser
- The organiser will try to ensure an audience of 30-plus
- After the event, we send the organiser an evaluation form to complete, and once we have received this, we will send you the payment of your fee and expenses

Honorarium and expenses

The honorarium granted under the scheme (from 1 January 2023) is as follows:

£300 for in-person events
£200 for online events

Expenses can be claimed in addition to the honorarium.

The payment of the honorarium and your expenses is triggered when we receive the completed evaluation form from the organiser – so please encourage them to do their evaluation promptly!

Promotion

All Montgomery Trust lectures are promoted on our website. But we encourage lecturers and organisers to promote their events via social media and mailings.

Limiting the number of lectures

The trustees reserve the right to limit the number of sponsorshops offered to a particular lecturer, should the annual programme begin to look unbalanced.

Administration

Christopher Garman administers the Montgomery Trust lectures and can be contacted either by phone on 01359 221600, or by email.

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