

JASNA International Visitor Program 2026 Application Fact Sheet

The JASNA International Visitor Program Committee is particularly interested in applicants whose Austen-related project and/or interests match the needs expressed by our Chawton partners: Jane Austen's House, Chawton House, and/or St. Nicholas Church. For more information, see the "Austen-Related Institutions" section of the International Visitor Program website at <https://www.jasna.org/programs/international-visitor/>.

Applicants should take note of the following program guidelines:

1. The applicant must be a registered member of JASNA who resides in the United States or Canada.
2. The committee prefers completed electronic application forms and supporting documents sent to chawtonivp@jasna.org. However, members may also mail completed applications to the following address:

Susan Farnsworth
5436 N 22nd St
Arlington, VA 22205

All completed applications must be received by December 16, 2025.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Do not send unsolicited materials with your application; the committee will contact you and/or your references if we have questions about your application.

3. Applications will be assessed based on the significance of the project; the applicant's need to have access to materials in Chawton or nearby; the viability of the project (in terms of project parameters, time, resources, and so on); the audience(s) who will benefit from the work; and the useful skills that the applicant brings to Jane Austen's House, Chawton House, and St. Nicholas Church.
4. JASNA will provide the International Visitor with a \$3,250 (US currency) grant to assist the Visitor with the following expenses directly related to that role:
 - Round-trip air transportation to England from the continental USA or Canada;
 - Accommodations;
 - Local transportation;
 - Meals;
 - Research costs.

5. The period selected by the International Visitor should include the date of the Jane Austen Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) in July.
6. Neither JASNA nor the institution(s) for which the International Visitor works in England will provide health or accident insurance. JASNA recommends that applicants confirm that their personal insurance coverage will apply in England.
7. An International Visitor who is a U.S. resident shall provide Form W-9 to JASNA when the contract is signed.

At the end of the term in Chawton, the International Visitor shall provide receipts to JASNA documenting payment of reasonable expenses incurred by the International Visitor that were directly related to the role of the International Visitor, as specified in Item 4 above ("Reimbursable Expenses"). Reimbursable Expenses do not constitute taxable income to the International Visitor under U.S. tax law.

JASNA will send to the International Visitor who is a U.S. resident a Form 1099 after the end of the calendar year reporting any portion of the fellowship that is not substantiated by receipts. A Canadian resident should consult a tax adviser regarding Canadian income tax.

8. In addition to the International Visitor's personal project, JASNA's International Visitor will:
 - a. Work a total of 10-14 hours a week (ideally, the hours per week will be spread evenly among the different sites) carrying out duties as requested by management of Jane Austen's House, Chawton House, and/or St. Nicholas Church;
 - b. Attend the Jane Austen Society's AGM in July and provide staff assistance to the AGM as the Honorary Secretary of the Jane Austen Society may request;
 - c. Coordinate with JASNA's Marketing and Communications Chair on how the progress or results of their project will be communicated to the public during their stay at Chawton. JASNA will be given the opportunity to feature the International Visitor's work and experience on JASNA's website and social media first, before other media outlets do so. The International Visitor and his/her work may be featured on the social media sites of JASNA, the Jane Austen Society, Jane Austen's House, and/or Chawton House.
9. Upon completion of the International Visitor Program, the International Visitor will submit articles to:
 - a. *JASNA News* regarding their experience;
 - b. The Guest Column of *The JAS Record* regarding their experience.

The International Visitor Program Committee will make every effort to announce its decision on or before March 1, 2026. Questions about the program can be sent to Susan Farnsworth at chawtonivp@jasna.org.