The Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Monash University is pleased to announce a new initiative, the Visiting Senior Scholar Program. The aim of the program is to support a senior scholar to visit the CMRS for one week, during which time he or she will provide a postgraduate training workshop and deliver a seminar paper on his or her own research.

For the purposes of the program, a Visiting Senior Scholar should hold an academic position of Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor, Professor or Emeritus/a Professor at an academic institution.

Senior scholars will be expected to engage fully in the activities of the CMRS for the duration of their stay. Specifically, a Senior Scholar will be invited to deliver a postgraduate training seminar or workshop on an empirical, theoretical or methodological aspect of interest to advanced students of medieval and Renaissance studies, such as palaeography, codicology, theoretical approaches to medieval and Renaissance history etc. The Senior Scholar will also be invited to present a seminar paper on an aspect of his or her research, and attend other CMRS events of relevance during their visit to Monash.

One Visiting Senior Scholar will be appointed each year to visit the CMRS at Monash University's Clayton campus in August. The CMRS will provide the Visiting Senior Scholar with five night's accommodation in Melbourne (Monday to Friday inclusive) and transport to and from Monash’s Clayton campus. For senior scholars already in Australia or NZ, the CMRS will provide a return economy airfare to Melbourne. Total funding support may be up to but not exceeding AUD2000.00.

We welcome applications from eligible Senior Scholars for 2015 by June 1, 2015. Applicants should send a cover letter, a short CV, and a brief outline of the workshop they propose to convene and a potential seminar paper topic to the Acting Director of the CMRS, Associate Professor Megan Cassidy-Welch (megan.cassidy-welch@monash.edu).

The Monash Centre for Medieval Renaissance Studies was launched in 2011. The CMRS is committed to providing research training for honours and postgraduate students; to developing and promoting Monash’s strength in medieval and Renaissance studies; and to fostering local, national and international collaborations between networks of scholars and students. The heart of the CMRS is a weekly Friday seminar and associated reading, language and translation groups. For more information about the CMRS and its staff, see http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/medieval-renaissance-centre/