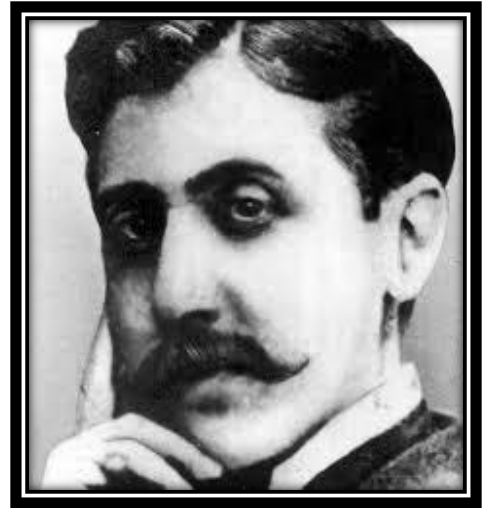


What is a Proust Scholar?

A Proust scholar is someone who focuses on studying the 20th century French author Marcel Proust. Proust's most renowned work was a seven-volume novel collectively entitled *À la recherche du temps perdu*, which has been translated as both *In Search of Lost Time* and *Remembrance of Things Past*. A Proust scholar typically will focus his or her attention on this work but also will be interested in Proust's life and his other writings.



Writings Relate to Many Fields

Focusing one's study on the life and work of a single author might be considered a very specialized endeavor. *Proust's works, however, are considered to have many connections to various fields of study, such as French and European history, human sexuality, psychology and philosophy.* A Proust scholar might choose to focus his or her studies on one of these areas or a few of them, or he or she might try to synthesize many of them.

Proust Scholars' Roles

Proust scholars typically work at institutions of higher learning, such as universities, and might begin their study of the author by taking undergraduate courses in certain related but broader fields, such as French literature. Progression to earning a master's degree and doctorate is considered mandatory to become a true Proust scholar. *In addition to individual study and work with colleagues, a Proust scholar will likely teach some graduate and/or undergraduate courses and often will work with graduate students who are developing their theses.*

