

LANGHAM PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA & INSTRUCTIONS

Langham Partnership Scholarships are designed to assist with the further training of theological teachers, potential theological teachers, and outstanding strategic Christian leaders in the Majority World (this term is used to refer to developing countries in Asia, Africa, Eurasia, the Middle East and Latin America, sometimes called the Developing World). Scholarships are available to those intending to study for PhDs in theological disciplines at universities, seminaries and theological colleges, which are accredited and internationally recognized. Applicants must demonstrate that the institution, or the PhD supervisor / mentor, is in sympathy with the basis of faith and aims and ethos of Langham Partnership Scholars' Programme.

Holding a Langham Partnership Scholarship is a special honour, and involves more than receiving financial support. Successful applicants join the wider Langham Partnership network expressed in its Scholars', Literature and Preaching Programmes, and become members of the Fellowship of Langham Scholars which numbers over 300 evangelical scholars globally. The Langham Partnership Scholars' Programme offers active prayer support, pastoral support, and mentoring and training opportunities to its scholars. Upon completion of their doctorates, and return to work in the Majority World, Langham Partnership Scholars are expected to maintain an active ongoing interest in Langham Partnership's work in their own country, to be committed to Langham Partnership's vision for the strengthening of the ministry of God's Word through faithful preaching and teaching, and, where possible, to be involved in the Langham Preaching, Literature or Scholars' Programmes locally. Please make sure you download, read and understand the document '[Introducing Langham Partnership](#)' that explains the vision, mission and ethos of all the work of Langham Partnership before you apply.

It is important that you read all the following pages, including the criteria for applying and the instructions, carefully and thoroughly BEFORE submitting your application.

OUR PROGRAMME POLICY AND PRIORITIES

Our Scholarship Programme is governed by the following policies and priorities:

1. Our scholars will be men and women who sincerely believe, diligently study, faithfully expound and relevantly apply the Word of God.
2. Our scholars must be Majority World Christian leaders in pursuit of a doctorate at universities, seminaries or theological colleges approved by the Scholarships Committee.
3. Our scholarships support scholars who contextualise their research, seeking to make the gospel relevant to their culture.
4. Our scholarships are only available to scholars who can make a definite commitment to return to the Majority World for a period of at least ten years on completion of their research, and demonstrate that they have an offer of employment on their return. If you cannot make this definite commitment, or have any doubts about this, please do not apply.
5. Our scholarships are for Majority World Christian leaders who are mentored by evangelical supervisors, or by supervisors who are sympathetic to the Langham Partnership ethos, throughout the course of their doctoral study.
6. Those intending to apply are encouraged to discuss their intended areas of research, places of study, and proposed supervisor / promoter with Langham Partnership at an early stage and seek guidance and advice.

CRITERIA FOR LANGHAM PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholars are selected by the Langham Partnership Scholarship Committees according to the following criteria. In order to be considered for a Scholarship, you must be able to provide evidence that:

1. You are pursuing advanced studies to prepare yourself for the training of others for Christian ministry, especially pastors, in the work of preaching and teaching.
2. You are pursuing a PhD in one of the following areas: Old Testament, New Testament, Theology, Ethics, Church History or Inter-cultural Studies based on biblical teaching or interacting substantially with scripture and theology.
3. You are strongly recommended by Christian leaders in your country (in both church and seminary), who can testify to your evangelical convictions and leadership potential, and who can indicate why you need to possess a doctoral qualification. Usually the applicant will be specifically recommended as a future faculty member, or already be a faculty member who has been set apart by their institution for further training.
4. You have demonstrated academic ability and competence for doctoral research and normally already possess a postgraduate Master's degree or can demonstrate you have a qualification of equivalent standard.
5. You are committed to serving within your home country or region immediately upon the completion of your degree programme and for a period of at least ten years.
6. You have raised a proportion of your support, from your savings, family and friends, your church, seminary or other charitable trusts. [This is normally at least 30% of your total financial needs for your programme. The maximum Scholarship that Langham Partnership will award to a full-time scholar is £13,000 sterling, or \$21,000 USD per year, and usually it is less than this. It will be an advantage to your application to show that you can raise significant amounts of your own support.] Full-time students will need to raise sufficient funds to satisfy the financial requirements of the visa authorities for the granting of a student visa. The amounts required will be considerably larger if you intend to bring your family. In some circumstances, in your first year, the amount you have raised for your own support in addition to the Langham Partnership Scholarship may need to be deposited with Langham Partnership before your programme starts, and will be paid back as a regular allowance.
7. You have already applied and/or been granted registration at an institution where doctoral degrees are offered; or you are in correspondence with a possible supervisor who is sympathetic to the ethos of Langham Partnership. You are advised to discuss this in advance with the leadership of the Langham Partnership Scholars' Programme who will be able to advise you as to a suitable university, department or supervisor.
8. You are willing to sign the Langham Partnership Statement of Faith annually; and the Scholarship Award Agreement, which is as follows: *'I accept the offer of a Langham Partnership Scholarship. I understand that the Scholarship is treated as a loan for the first ten years after I have completed my doctorate. I agree to repay my total Scholarship to the Langham Partnership if I do not return to the Majority World (Two-Thirds World) immediately upon completion of my doctorate. I also agree to serve in the Majority World (Two-Thirds World) for no less than ten years after completion of my doctorate. If I accept an employment position outside the Majority World within ten years of the completion of my PhD I will repay to the Langham Partnership (UK & I) ten percent of my total Scholarship for each year remaining of my ten-year commitment.'*
9. You must be willing to participate in all training events provided by Langham Partnership during the course of your study.
10. You will normally be under 40 years of age at the time your doctoral studies commence.

Your application may be sent for confidential review by senior Christian leaders or graduated Langham Partnership Scholars in your region. Final decisions are made by the Langham Partnership Scholarship Committees. Selection decisions are usually finalised before the end of June, but on some occasions later than this.

LANGHAM PARTNERSHIP'S COMMITMENT TO SCHOLARS

The Langham Partnership is committed to the physical, emotional and relational wellbeing and spiritual nurture and growth of each Langham Partnership Scholar and seeks to provide the following, wherever possible, during their course of study:

- Practical and pastoral support to each Scholar and their family.
- A named Scholar Care Coordinator who is the link between Langham Partnership and the Scholar.
- Attendance at a regional Scholar Consultation at least every two years. This is an important time for teaching and training and in promoting fellowship and networking between Scholars.
- Links with other organisations and institutions, as applicable to the Scholars' area of study or geographical base.
- The opportunity to participate in seminars/courses/workshops provided by Langham Partnership including Langham Scholars, Langham Preaching and Langham Literature.

Once a Langham Partnership Scholar has successfully graduated from their course of study, the Langham Partnership is committed to promoting a career-long link with them through the Fellowship of Langham Graduates and there may be opportunities for further research and study.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

1. Please only send files as Word (or OpenDocument) format documents or as PDF files.
DO NOT SEND ANY DOCUMENTS IN OTHER FORMATS.
If you do not use these approved formats, your application will not be processed.
2. **YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION FORM. Incomplete forms cannot be processed, and will not be sent to the Committee for shortlisting. Please send the application form as one document as an attachment.**
3. Include **TWO PICTURES** as JPEG files, but **DO NOT** send other documents (application, etc.) as JPEG files.
4. **The following TEN items must accompany your APPLICATION FORM, as separate, clearly-labelled, ATTACHMENTS.** (Please send them by email):
 - 4.1 Two **PHOTOGRAPHS** - one of yourself and another of your family (as JPEG files).
 - 4.2 A sample of your **ACADEMIC WORK** in theology at postgraduate Masters level of 5000 – 6000 words (absolute maximum 10,000 words). This piece of work will be read by Scholarship Committee members specifically to assess ability at and potential for *doctoral research*.
 - 4.3 A **TESTIMONY** (in 600 words or less) including:
 - i) How you became a Christian



- ii) Your ongoing Christian experience
 - iii) How you maintain your Christian life through its blessings and challenges
 - iv) How you feel God has equipped and led you to this point of applying for doctoral study
 - v) How you will integrate spiritual formation and growth with academic growth during your time of doctoral study.
- 4.4 If you are married, your spouse should send a short statement (300 words) setting out their hopes and expectations for you as a family during this time of doctoral study, and what you have discussed together about the impact it will have on family life and the adjustments that may need to be made.
 - 4.5 If you have already been accepted by a university, please send a copy of their letter of REGISTRATION.
 - 4.6 TRANSCRIPTS showing marks and grades in your previous Bachelors and Masters level theology study, and SCANNED COPIES of degree certificates (as PDF files). (Please DO NOT send these as JPEG or TIF files. Please send only as PDF files.)
 - 4.7 Your IELTS or TOEFL (or similar English Language test) CERTIFICATE. (Scanned copies as PDF files.)
 - 4.8 A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT (as a Word or PDF file) from your employer stating your employment on completion of your studies.
 - 4.9 A STATEMENT OF YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL (as a Word or PDF file) - see Section K of the Application Form.
5. Sign the PERSONAL STATEMENT (in Section I), the LANGHAM PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AGREEMENT (in Section I) and the LANGHAM PARTNERSHIP STATEMENT OF FAITH (Section J) and return these as part of the Application Form.
 6. Complete the CHECKLIST at the end of the Application Form (Section L) indicating that you have provided all the above attachments, as appropriate.
 7. If you do not get an acknowledgement indicating receipt of your Application Form within two weeks, please email again. Langham Partnership will endeavor to answer application emails promptly. However, there have been examples of emails with attachments which have not been delivered, so please ask for an acknowledgement.

Questions about the Langham Partnership Scholarships' Application Form should be directed to the following email address: scholaradmin@langham.org.