
THE PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

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TO NEW TEACHING FACULTY MEMBERS AT PTC

Re: New Lecturers and Academic Expectations at the Pacific Theological College

The Pacific Theological College offers various academic award programmes, ranging from pre-degree certificates to the PhD programme, including both on-campus (i.e., classic face-to-face) as well various distance education delivery modes. In principle, all lecturers are expected to be willing to engage in any and all of these programmes, depending on subject specialisation and experience, and requirements of the College. At the same time, lecturers are expected to contribute to the research culture of the College.

Given the regional, ecumenical nature of the College, students at PTC come from a wide variety of backgrounds, creating a rich and challenging teaching and learning environment. Most are mature students, usually older than 35 years; often they are already pastors with years of experience; and most are sent to the College by their respective churches. Some have a less than ideal educational background. You are also going to encounter a certain sense of respect and restraint regarding social and cultural traditions as they are perceived and experienced, and you are expected to treat this with a great deal of sensitivity: criticality and cultural experience form a dynamic, and sometimes tense context. We expect new lecturers to be open to this context, and to engage actively in it. In a nutshell, we expect lecturers at PTC to be willing to work both critically and sympathetically in the context of Oceania and its people.

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