



CIPS Doctor of Philosophy Scholarship

Churches Initiatives for Pasifika Scholars (CIPS) Programme

Member-Church Partnership Faculty PhD Scholarship

THE SCHOLARSHIP

THE INSTITUTION

The Pacific Theological College, located in Suva Fiji, is an internationally recognized regional, ecumenical institution that offers excellence in theological education for leadership for justice.

OBJECTIVE

This is a four (4) years PhD Scholarship for the purpose of developing long-term faculty and leadership for emerging/established colleges associated with partner churches of the Pacific. While this is open to all church members, special consideration is given to the Melanesian and Micronesian churches as well as the least developed churches in the Pacific, and women.

BACKGROUND

The Scholarship is offered as part of the CIPS programme of the Pacific Theological College. The aim of the programme is to equip professionally as well as academically promising Pasifika students/scholars for contextual academic leadership, teaching and research in higher theological education at colleges throughout Oceania. Through this initiative, students will gain skills for an effective academic vocation. Skills include lecture preparation and delivery where justice is embodied in the pedagogy; interactive & relational teaching methods for group work and seminars; philosophy of design and delivery of online learning and blended programs addressing Pacific justice needs; skills and methods of supervision meeting international standards but appropriate for serving justice in the Pacific; lesson preparation and design; individual course and integrated curriculum design embodying Pacific values and philosophies as well as disciplinary orientation; leadership for developing, implementing academic policies, accreditation & organisational leadership; skills in research and writing for publication for a Pacific and global context.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The scholarship covers four (4) years fulltime tuition fees only. The candidate or member church/another sponsor shall be responsible for accommodation and other allowances.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS: 2 (two)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The CIPS is a competitive award. PTC seeks exceptional candidates from among Oceanic Peoples, or those with demonstratable Pasifika identity. PTC is particularly committed to identifying and developing candidates from demographics often underrepresented in theological higher education in the Pacific, including particularly women and underrepresented national identities/ethnicities.

For consideration, the Pasifika candidate:

- 1) Will have completed or will soon have completed a relevant master's degree (with distinction or its equivalent recognition) and meet the requirements for entry into the research doctoral studies program (PhD) at PTC.
- 2) Will have demonstrated strong/superior academic skills and potential for significant research, teaching and leadership.
- 3) Will have demonstrated the appropriate giftedness or the potential thereof, together with and a sense of personal call to the academic vocation in service to the life of the Church and Christian faith in the Pacific.
- 4) Will normally not be older than 40 at the time of beginning the program.
- 5) Will demonstrate academic interests appropriate to and a commitment for leadership for justice in Oceania.
- 6) When appropriate, will be able to secure agreement from his/her church/denominational body for participation in the full program.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

To be considered for the CIPS award, please submit the following:

- a) Full application to the PTC PhD studies program.
- b) A letter of application for the PhD Scholarship – Churches Initiative for Pasifika Scholars (CIPS) outlining the student's qualifications, experience, and sense of calling to the academic vocation together with an explanation for why the student believes he/she are a good fit for PTC and this initiative.
- c) A CV with photo providing details of your qualifications and relevant experience.
- d) A writing sample demonstrating your research interests and current research skill level (normally a Master's thesis / sustained piece of research/writing at the Masters level together with a preliminary research plan proposing a topic [approx. 10,000 words].)
- e) A teaching sample demonstrating the student's skills and style (video, audio or written samples or sample of curriculum taught will be considered.)
- f) Where appropriate, will provide a "letter of support" from their church/denominational body for participation in the full program.
- g) The names and full contact information for at least 3 references - 2 academic references addressing the student's skills and abilities, and 1 professional reference commenting on the student's giftedness for teaching and/or leadership and sense of call.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

If selected, the successful candidate and if appropriate sponsoring church will be notified of an offer.

ONGOING EVALUATION PROCESS

Candidates of CIPS programme will be part of ongoing evaluation to determine their progress and whether they continue with the scholarship, subject to the decision of the

Scholarship Committee (SC)

Phases 1 & 2

At end of phase 1 (2 years), the SC reviews a progress report of the student prepared by the head of department. Based on the review findings, the SC decides on the continuation of studies for another two (2) years (phase 2).

END OF SCHOLARSHIP

- a. At any time, the scholarship can be ended and concluded subject to a decision by the Board of Graduate Studies in consultation with the supervisor and Academic Dean.
- b. Recipients of CIPS scholarship may choose to end the scholarship at any point as per college bond policy by notifying the Academic Dean in the form of a letter.

CLOSING DATE AND CONTACTS

Closing Date for Applications:

29th October 2021

Send Applications to:

The Principal

Pacific Theological College

Private Mail Bag

Suva, Fiji Islands

Email: ulvaai@ptc.ac.fj

OR

The Academic Dean

Pacific Theological College

Private Mail Bag

Suva, Fiji Islands

Email: darrell.cosden@ptc.ac.fj