LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Policies for 2015-2016

Purpose of Leadership in Ministry Scholarship Program

The Leadership in Ministry Scholarship Program was designed for lay women and men who are seeking a master-level degree in theology and are committed to serving in a leadership position. The goal is to make theological education and formation accessible to those who demonstrate a capacity for leadership. These full-tuition scholarships are made available through generous grants and gifts made to Catholic Theological Union in support of lay education.

There are a number of scholarships available for the 2015-2016 academic year: The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Scholarships, the Arthur J. Schmitt Scholarships and the Helen V. Brach Foundation Scholarships. With these, CTU is able to offer full-tuition scholarships to qualified lay students who are committed to completing a master's degree and preparing for ministry, leadership in the Church, or ministry and/or leadership with communities of other religious traditions.

Candidacy for Leadership in Ministry Scholarships

In the selection process for the Leadership in Ministry Scholarship, consideration will be given to candidates who are able to demonstrate their capacity for leadership. Candidates must appreciate the Roman Catholic tradition of CTU and its mission of preparing men for priesthood and lay women and men for ministry. They must also respect the racially, ethnically, and religiously diverse nature of the CTU faculty, staff, and student body. Awards are designated for those pursuing degrees on site. Candidates for these merit-based scholarships must complete an application for admission to CTU, and gain admission to the school before they will be considered for a scholarship.

More specifically, to qualify as a Leadership in Ministry Scholarship recipient, applicants will:

- Have earned a bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- Have completed the general CTU application for admission and submitted it to the Office of Admissions by February 20, 2015. Please note: Applicants for scholarships at CTU must be admitted to CTU before they will be considered for a scholarship. All full-tuition scholarships at CTU are designed to assist in bringing new students into the school.
- Have completed and submitted the Leadership in Ministry Scholarship Program application and essays to the Office of Recruitment by March 2, 2015.
- Have submitted, with the scholarship application, one (1) letter of recommendation from a professor, employer, supervisor, leader in the applicant's particular faith tradition, etc. who can comment on leadership experience and competence.
Scholarship Funding

All Leadership in Ministry Scholarship awards will cover tuition of participating degree programs, listed below. Scholarships do not cover tuition for prerequisite courses needed, room and board, books, insurance, activity fees or travel.

All Leadership in Ministry Scholarships can count toward the following 36 semester-hour degree programs:

- Master of Arts (Theology) – academic, research, or interdisciplinary – concentration of choice, including interreligious dialogue
- Master of Arts in Biblical Ministry
- Master of Arts in Hispanic Theology and Ministry
- Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministry
- Master of Arts in Justice Ministry
- Master of Arts in Liturgical Ministry

In addition, the Helen V. Brach and Arthur J. Schmitt Scholarships also provide full-tuition scholarships for those pursuing:

- Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (48 semester-hours)
- Master of Divinity (79 semester-hours)

Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Scholarship: Building Interreligious Dialogue

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations are making two scholarships available for the 2015-2016 academic year. **Note:** Special preference will be given to those who will be pursuing full-time study in interreligious dialogue or a related subject area.

In addition to their academic studies, the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Scholars will focus their attention on fostering and encouraging interreligious dialogue and understanding by participating in at least four (two per semester) CTU lectures, seminars, and/or workshops offered throughout the year, with special attention given to the many offerings available through the Catholic-Jewish Studies Program and the Catholic-Muslim Studies Program.

Each spring, the Scholar will submit a 500 - 750 word essay to the CTU Scholarship Committee and the directors of The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations reflecting on their coursework and the events they’ve attended. Scholars will be asked to share what insights they’ve gained about interreligious dialogue, as well as to demonstrate ministerial leadership development.

Helen V. Brach Foundation Scholarship: Discovering Emerging Ministers and Theologians

The Helen V. Brach Foundation Scholarship will be offered to full- or part-time students at CTU. Scholars will be expected to actively engage in extracurricular activities that demonstrate ministerial leadership and will be encouraged to attend a wide array of CTU lectures, such as the Shapiro lectures on Catholic-Jewish relations, the *In Good Faith* trilateral dialogues about issues of significance for Christians, Muslims and Jews, or the quarterly *Sundays at CTU* lectures and liturgies.

In addition, each spring, the scholar must provide a 500-word essay to the CTU Scholarship Committee and the Directors of the Brach Foundation about their coursework and ministerial leadership development.
The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation Scholarship: Supporting Continued Ministerial Commitment

The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation Scholarship will be offered to part-time students at CTU. Preference will be given to applicants with a history of professional or ministerial Christian service and leadership. Scholars will be expected to actively engage in extracurricular activities that demonstrate ministerial leadership and will be encouraged to attend the wide array of CTU lectures, such as the Shapiro lectures on Catholic-Jewish relations, the *In Good Faith* trilateral dialogues about issues of significance for Christians, Muslims and Jews, or the quarterly *Sundays at CTU* lectures and liturgies.

In addition, each spring, the scholar must provide a 500-word essay to the CTU Scholarship Committee and the Directors of the Schmitt Foundation about their coursework and ministerial leadership development. The scholar will be required to read a book and submit an essay, which outlines connections between the Scholar’s experience of ministry and the theme of the book.

**Overall Scholarship Commitments**

Though the intention is to provide full-tuition scholarships, renewal of funding will be dependent upon meeting the above criteria for each particular scholarship, and the Scholar must maintain a 3.0 GPA or above in order to remain eligible for the scholarship.

Scholars will actively participate in the Emmaus Lay Formation Program, which includes two director meetings, two theological reflection sessions, and two retreats each year, as well as on-going spiritual direction. In addition, Scholars are asked to participate as a volunteer in school activities and to attend periodic scholarship meetings.

**Additional Opportunities**

Scholars may serve as an intern for a program or a professor in a particular concentration of interest.

Scholars may, depending on their course of study, participate in the fall Biblical Study and Travel Program (semester-long study program) or the January intensive course, *Abraham’s Children*, taking place in Jerusalem. (The scholarship only covers the tuition for courses taken abroad, not other travel-related costs).
LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
2015-2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PART I

(Please type or print clearly)

A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Title:  ☐ Ms.   ☐ Mrs.   ☐ Mr.   ☐ Rev.   ☐ Sr.   ☐ Br.   Other __________

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Last Name: _____________________________________ First Name: ____________________

Middle Initial: __________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

Street __________________________________ Apt. # __________ City ________________________

State/Province __________________________________ Zip/Postal Code ____________ Country __________

☐ Single  ☐ Married ______ Number of Dependents

Telephone: Mobile _____________________________ Other _____________________________

If outside United States, please include country code, area code, and number

Email Address: _____________________________________________________________

(Primary)  (Secondary)

Religious Congregation (if applicable): __________________________________________

Occupation: _____________________________ Employer: _____________________________

Employer Address/Phone: _______________________________________________________

College or University Attended: ____________________________________________ Degree Earned: _____________________________

Year of Graduation: ________ GPA: ________ Major: _____________________________

Graduate School Attended: _________________________________________________ Degree Earned: _____________________________

Year of Graduation: __________

B. DEGREE OBJECTIVES:

☐ MA in Theology ☐ General Academic ☐ Research: Concentration / Major _____________________________

☐ M.A. Interdisciplinary

☐ Professional Ministerial MA in: ☐ Biblical Ministry ☐ Hispanic Theology and Ministry

☐ Liturgical Ministry ☐ Intercultural Ministry ☐ Justice Ministry

☐ Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS)

☐ Master of Divinity (MDiv)

First semester of CTU study: _____________________________ Projected graduation date: _____________________________

Do you intend to study:  ☐ Full time [8 or more credits per semester]  ☐ Part time [under 8 credits per semester]

Name: ____________________________________________________________
C. EMPLOYMENT/INCOME:

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D. PENDING FUNDS AND/OR LOAN OBLIGATIONS:

1. Did you actively seek any loans, grants or scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year? If yes, please list sources and amounts received:

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**TOTAL 2015-16 STUDENT LOAN INCOME:**

2. Are you applying for other scholarships, grants, or institutional/employer-based financial support for the 2015-2016 academic year? ___ Yes ___ No. If yes, please list sources and amounts requested. Indicate status of request: will apply, pending, granted, or denied.

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3. Have you had any prior government loans for education? ___ Yes ___ No

   If yes, are these loans: ___ paid in full? ___ current with payments? ___ deferred? ___ defaulted?

   Total outstanding student loans (Total unpaid debt): ________________________________

4. Additional indebtedness (total of loans) for dependents' educational expenses: ____________________

5. Total household educational debt (lines 3 + 4): ____________________

E. STUDENT’S AND SPOUSE’S RESOURCES:  

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1. Student’s summer income from all sources after federal, state, FICA and local taxes
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2. Student’s academic-year income from all sources after federal, state, FICA and local taxes
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3. Spouse’s total annual income after taxes
   ____________________  ____________________

4. Student’s total Social Security education benefits
   ____________________  ____________________

5. Student’s total Veteran’s – GI Bill educational benefits
   ____________________  ____________________

6. Financial assistance from student’s parents, family, religious community
   ____________________  ____________________

7. Income from non-CTU scholarships, fellowships and grants, if known
   ____________________  ____________________

8. Student loans from all sources
   ____________________  ____________________

9. Income from CTU financial aid
   ____________________  ____________________

10. Other income (savings accounts, bonds, etc.)
    ____________________  ____________________

ESTIMATED ACADEMIC YEAR HOUSEHOLD INCOME (TOTAL, LINES 1 THROUGH 10): ________________________________
How did you learn about the Leadership in Ministry Scholarship Program? Please check all that apply.

**Personal contact:**  
- ___CTU Alum  
- ___CTU Student  
- ___Teacher  
- ___Pastor  
- ___Other (please explain) __________________________________________

**Advertisement in:**  
- ___National Catholic Reporter  
- ___America  
- ___Tablet  
- ___Other (please name) __________________________________________

**CTU publication:**  
- ___Logos newsletter  
- ___CTU brochure  
- ___Other (please explain) __________________________________________

**Website(s):**  
- ___CTU  
- ___Other (please name) __________________________________________
Please provide a **typed, double-spaced** essay on each of the following questions. Limit your responses to a maximum of **250 words** per question. Your name must be included on each page.

**Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Scholarship Essay Questions:**
1. What experiences have you had in ministry that would demonstrate your capacity for leadership?
2. Identify the area of theology that most interests you and explain why.
3. Why is interreligious dialogue necessary and what is your commitment to fostering such dialogue?
4. How would receiving the scholarship make a difference for you both intellectually and financially?

**Helen V. Brach Foundation Scholarship and Arthur J. Schmitt Scholarship Foundation Essay Questions:**
1. What experiences have you had that would demonstrate your capacity for leadership?
2. Identify the area of theology that most interests you and explain why.
3. How do you hope to use your leadership skills in the future once you’ve obtained a CTU degree?
4. How would receiving the scholarship make a difference for you both intellectually and financially?

**I wish to be considered for (check all that apply):**
- □ Davis
- □ Brach
- □ Schmitt

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**PART III**

**LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

A letter of recommendation is required, and must arrive to the Office of Recruitment by March 2, 2015.

Please sign and date this page, and include it with your Leadership in Ministry Scholarship application materials. Complete application materials **must arrive to the Office of Recruitment by March 2, 2015. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

Catholic Theological Union
Office of Recruitment
5401 S. Cornell Ave.
Chicago, IL 60615
Fax: 773.371.5452

**Signature:_________________________ Date:_________________________**

**Name:________________________________________**