

How do I apply?

Applications must be made on the formal scholarship form obtainable from the Clerk to the Trustees.

Two confidential references will be sought to support the application. One of the referees should be an academic reference from a current or past tutor. If this is not possible, a reference from somebody able to confirm academic suitability will be sought. One of the referees should be able to support your statement in section 8b.

Submission deadline – 5th February

A small group of trustees will consider all the applications for the scholarships and then shortlist. Short-listed applicants will be called for interview with the group.

Awards will be dependent on confirmation by the institution of the offer of a place on the course.

Contact details:

For an application form, or if you would like to ask anything else, please contact:

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THE FOUNDATION OF ST MATTHIAS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Awards !

Do you

- have a hypothesis you would love to research?
- have a project you would love to pursue?

Would your research / project enhance the Church of England in its mission?

Would your research/project have a long term impact (legacy component)?

Is a lack of finance the only thing stopping you following your dream?

If so the St Matthias Trust might be able to help.

**We have up to £10,000 per year available to support a scholar.
The money is available for between 1 and 3 years.**

In order to qualify for a scholarship we ask that you:

- have a well thought out area for research or a developed plan for a project
- have identified a suitably qualified supervisor for your work
- can identify how your study / project will contribute to the work of the Church of England.

If awarded a scholarship the Trust would ask for:

- termly reports on your progress supported by an annual tutor's report
- an annual presentation to the board of trustees
- you to act as an ambassador for the Trust promoting its work.
- notification if your financial circumstances change

What is the object of the Trust and who can apply for assistance?

The Trust makes grants within certain specified terms of reference.

The object of the charity is the advancement of education with a preference for higher or further education; such education contributing to the advancement of the Church of England, in particular through the following means:

- The education and training of persons who are, or intend to become, engaged in social welfare work as social workers, community workers, youth workers, teachers, supervisors of pre-school groups or otherwise;
- The education and training of persons intending to become ministers of the Church of England or of a church in communion therewith;
- The study of music or other arts.

Preference is also given to applicants from the dioceses of Bath and Wells, Bristol and Gloucester; this does not preclude applicants from elsewhere.

Application process

Applicants will be required to submit a written application in which they will be asked to explain what makes them a good candidate for the scholarship. Applicants will also be asked to provide details of their financial circumstances including access to other funding sources such as government grants.

Applicants will need to demonstrate:

- Enthusiasm for studying and pursuing a vocation within the tenets of the Trust;
- Commitment to making a significant contribution to religious life through the medium of the Church of England or of a church in communion therewith;
- Good communication skills in order to fulfil the ambassadorial role;
- High quality academic record and grades awarded to date;
- Proven circumstances and need for financial support.