

LANGHAM PARTNERSHIP UK & IRELAND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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To all applicants for Scholarships provided by Langham Partnership UK & Ireland

This document has TEN pages. Make sure you read them all.

Langham Scholarships are designed to give further training to theological teachers and potential theological teachers in the Majority World (The Developing World and Eastern Europe). Scholarships are available to those intending to study for doctorates in theology at British universities.

OUR PROGRAMME POLICY AND PRIORITIES

Our scholarship programme is governed by the following policies and priorities:

Our scholars will be men and women who sincerely believe, diligently study, faithfully expound and relevantly apply the Word of God.

Our scholars must be Majority World Christian leaders in pursuit of a doctorate at British, European and other institutions as approved by the scholarships committee.

Our scholarships support scholars who contextualise their research, seeking to make the gospel relevant to their culture.

Our scholarships typically support Majority World Christian leaders who are mentored by evangelical supervisors, or by supervisors who are sympathetic to evangelical scholars, throughout the course of their doctoral study.

Scholars are selected by the Langham Partnership UK & Ireland Scholarships Committee, according to the following criteria. In order to be considered for a grant, the applicant must provide evidence that:

- ❖ you are pursuing advanced studies to prepare yourself for the training of others, especially pastors;
- ❖ 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;
- ❖ 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. Often the applicant will be specifically recommended as a future faculty member.
- ❖ you have demonstrated academic ability and competence for doctoral research and normally already possess a postgraduate Master's degree.
- ❖ you are committed to serving within your home country or region immediately upon completion of your degree programme.
- ❖ you have raised a proportion of your support, from your savings, family and friends, your church, seminary or other charitable trusts. The maximum grant that Langham will award to a full-time scholar is £13,000 per year. It will be to your advantage in applying if you can show that at least £1500 per year towards your costs will be provided by you, your church or seminary, and from other sources.
- ❖ you have already applied and/or been granted registration at a British university as a doctoral student; or you are in correspondence with a possible supervisor. The Scholars Director may be able to advise you as to a suitable university, department or supervisor.
- ❖ you are willing to sign the Langham Statement of Faith annually; and the Grant Agreement, which is as follows: I accept the offer of a Langham 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 (UK & I) 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 Ph.D I will repay to the Langham Partnership (UK & I) ten percent of my total scholarship for each year remaining of my ten-year commitment.

- ❖ you will normally be under 40 years of age at the time your doctoral studies commence.

Your application may be reviewed by members of a Langham Partnership Regional Council or by graduated Langham scholars in your region.

We are committed to providing practical and pastoral support to our scholars during their course of study. Upon completion of their PhD studies, scholars become members of the Fellowship of Langham Scholars.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THOSE SUBMITTING ELECTRONICALLY

- ❖ **Please only send files as Word documents/ attachments or as pdf files.**
- ❖ **Please do NOT use Picture Manager to send files.**
- ❖ **Include ONE PICTURE but otherwise do not use jpeg files.**
- ❖ **If files get too big they may be difficult to send. In such circumstances, send several smaller files or attachments, carefully labeled or numbered.**
- ❖ **If you do not get a prompt answer, write again and check. I endeavour to answer all inquiry and application emails immediately (unless out of the office). There have been examples of emails from some countries being filtered into junk mail, so ask for an acknowledgement.**

The following items should accompany your APPLICATION FORM (If possible please send them by email) We do not require any of them to be personally signed.

- A PHOTOGRAPH of yourself and your family.
- A piece of your ACADEMIC WORK of 5000 – 6000 words (absolute maximum 10,000 words). This piece of work will be read by Scholarships Committee members specifically to assess ability at and potential for *doctoral research*.
- A TESTIMONY (in two hundred words or less) of how you became a Christian.
- If you have already been accepted by a university please send a copy of their letter of REGISTRATION.
- A STATEMENT OF YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL (see below).
- If you have already commenced the course, attach your latest PROGRESS REPORT from your present supervisor.
- Sign and return the STATEMENT OF FAITH to be found below.

Please let me know if I can be of any further help to you.

With my Christian greetings,

Dr Ian J. Shaw (LPUKI Scholars Director).

STATEMENT OF YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL

On a separate sheet, please set out your Research Proposal by answering the following questions.

1. Topic or title of the research (one sentence).
2. Aim of the research (state in one or two sentences what you are hoping to find out).
3. Origin of the proposal (state in two or three sentences what has motivated you to choose this topic, and why it is important to you).
4. Major issues and areas of study (list in 200-250 words the issues and questions with which you expect to deal in developing your thesis. If you like, you can set this out as a provisional series of chapters, with a short paragraph explaining what issues you hope to explore in each chapter. This is a valuable thing to do now to clarify your thinking, even though you will want to change some of it once you are actually engaged in the research).
5. What contribution do you hope your research, when it is completed, will make to the theology and mission of the church in your home country?
6. Who are going to be your main conversation partners in the research? (This involves stating, as far as you are able:
 - what two or three scholars have published work which is important in your field
 - how might you develop their ideas or argue against them?).
7. Bibliography (list 6-10 books which you think are important for your research topic and which you expect to use).

LPUKI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please return to the Scholars Director:

Email: ian.shaw@langhampartnership.org.

If you are filling in this form by hand, please use black ink and capital letters. If you are sending the form electronically, please note the instructions above. The whole application process (meaning the receipt of all necessary papers AND references) must be completed by **November 30th** for consideration for a scholarship starting on October 1st of the following year. Your application may be disadvantaged **if we do not receive all the documentation by November 30th**.

1. Family name (last name) and Christian name (first name). Please underline your family name.
2. Title (Rev., Mr., etc.):
3. Date of birth (dd/mm/yy):
4. Address:

5. Telephone number:
6. Email address:
7. Name of spouse:
What academic qualifications does your spouse have?

8. Names, gender and date of birth of children:

9. To which church denomination do you belong?
10. Nationality:
11. Are you fluent in English? *You will need to meet the university standards about this.*
12. Secondary School:
Dates:
What were your highest qualifications from school?

13. University/Higher education:
Please give university/college names; dates of attendance; degrees/diplomas awarded; and what grade you achieved (give final GPA or indicate first/second/third class or 'Distinction', 'Merit' etc..)
(Where possible please provide transcripts of examination results.)

14. Theological college/Seminary:

Please give college name; dates of attendance; degrees/diplomas awarded; and what grade you achieved (give final GPA or indicate first/second/third class or 'Distinction', 'Merit' etc..)

(Where possible please provide transcripts of examination results.)

15. Voluntary service in Christian ministry:

16. Nature and **date of commencement** of your present employment:

17. Name and address of your current employer:

18. Name and nature of past employments (with dates):

19. Please give evidence from your life and ministry that you are an evangelical Christian:

20. What kind of work do you believe God is calling you to?

21. What do you believe are your main gifts and strengths?

22. Do any health problems or handicaps affect you? If so, what kind?

23. Why do you hope to undertake post-graduate research?

24. Which Christian church or other organisation wants you to pursue post-graduate studies?

25. Which prominent church leader has recommended you for this?

26. Which academic teacher is encouraging you toward this?

27. Have you been offered a place in a doctoral programme?

Please attach a letter of admission if you have already been accepted by a university.

28. At which university?

In which month and year will you begin? If you have already begun your course, state the year in which you began.

29. What will your research topic be? (*Put this in a few words.*)

30. Under which professor or supervisor do you hope to study?

31. Is your proposed course of study full time or part time?

32. Do you intend to bring your spouse and children with you?

33. If you are leaving your spouse and children behind who will support them financially?

34. What leadership role do you expect to have when you return to your country?

35. What specific job is awaiting you?

Your annual financial needs:

36a. Tuition fees in pounds sterling per annum.....

36b. Single airfare for yourself in pounds sterling.....

36c. Single airfare for your spouse and family in pounds sterling.....

36d. Maintenance and all other expenses for yourself and family in pounds sterling per annum.....

36e. Expected total expenses for yourself and family in pounds sterling per annum (sum of 36a + 36b + 36c + 36d).....

Amount of support you can raise yourself:

- 37f. Personal contributions in pounds sterling per annum.....
- 37g. Family and friends in pounds sterling per annum.....
- 37h. Your local church in pounds sterling per annum.....
- 37j. Your seminary in pounds sterling per annum.....
- 37k. Expected total self-support (sum of 37f + 37g + 37h + 37j).....

Support from any other organizations not listed above:

- 38l. Do you hope for financial support from any other sources not listed above? Yes/ No.
- 38m. Have you applied for this help? Yes/No.
- 38n. List below from what sources, and how much in sterling pounds per year.

- 38o. Total support from other sources.....
- 38p. Please confirm the amount which you are *requesting from LPUKI per year*. This should equal (36e – 37k – 38o) in pounds sterling.....

YOUR REFERENCES:

Please list below three references, giving the name, address and telephone number, fax number, email address (if available), and the period of your contact with them. (We prefer references from nationals outside the West.) Please write all addresses very carefully, *especially email addresses* in block capitals. Unhelpful delays can occur if email addresses are not spelt with great precision. Please make sure that the email addresses *are current*.

40a. Your local church pastor

Name:

Address:

How long has your pastor known you?

Telephone number:

Fax number:

Email address:

40b. Your most recent academic supervisor

Name:

Address:

Dates when you were supervised by him or her:

(If you wish to give an earlier supervisor please give your reason for this decision.)

Telephone number:

Fax number:

Email address:

40c. A church leader from your country (If you are already a seminary/college teacher, this would normally be your Seminary Principal)

Name:

Address:

How long has he or she known you?

Telephone number:

Fax number:

Email address:

41. Your personal statement:

I attest that the above information is true. I further affirm that, in applying to the Langham Partnership for financial help, it is my firm and definite intention, on completion of my studies, to return to my own country in order to minister there for a period of at least ten years.

Signature.....

Date.....

Please fill in your application with care. If we do award you a scholarship, any change in your circumstances must be reported promptly, and we cannot increase the amount we initially award. Keep a copy of your application. Make sure that you include with you application your photo (preferably scanned and sent by email) and all the other statements and copies of documents that we have requested. We have many more applications each year than we can support, but be assured that we consider all the applications carefully, sympathetically and prayerfully.

LANGHAM PARTNERSHIP INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Langham Partnership International is committed to the fundamental truths of historic biblical Christianity, in accordance with which we affirm:

- A. There is one, eternal God, Creator and Lord of the universe who, in the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both governs all things according to God’s will and is accomplishing God’s purpose in the world and in the church.
- B. The Holy Scripture in its entirety is inspired by God’s Spirit through human authors and constitutes the revelation of God’s truth to humanity. It is wholly true and trustworthy in all that it affirms. Whatever the Bible, rightly interpreted, is found to teach, we are bound to believe and obey. It is our supreme authority in every matter of belief and conduct.
- C. All human beings are created in God’s own likeness and therefore have inherent value and equality before God. Human sin and guilt since the fall have rendered us subject to God’s wrath and condemnation and have resulted in our alienation from God’s life, suppression of God’s truth and hostility to God’s law. God’s love desires all to come to repentance and to be reconciled rather than condemned.
- D. Salvation from the guilt, penalty and all other consequences of sin has been achieved solely through the work of Jesus Christ – his perfect obedience, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection and exaltation as Lord. Jesus alone is truly God and truly human, the only mediator between God and humanity. There is salvation through no other person, creed, process or power. Each sinner is justified before God and reconciled to God only by divine grace appropriated by faith alone.
- E. The work of the Holy Spirit is necessary for the individual’s new birth and growth to maturity. The Holy Spirit empowers and indwells the church, enabling its constant renewal in truth, wisdom, faith, holiness, love, ministry, power and mission.
- F. There is one, holy, universal and apostolic church, which is the Body of Christ, and to which all true believers belong. The church’s calling is to worship God forever and to serve God in the world.
- G. As the Father sent the Son into the world, so the Lord Jesus Christ sends his church to participate in God’s mission by words and works. In this mission the church is called: to make Christ known; to proclaim God’s truth and the gospel of God’s grace; to make disciples among all nations; to exhibit God’s character through compassionate care for the needy; to demonstrate the reality of God’s kingdom through creative and sacrificial living, the community of love, the quest for righteousness, justice and peace, and the care of God’s creation.
- H. As the Lord Jesus ascended to his Father, so he will return personally, visibly and in glory. He will raise the dead and bring salvation and judgment to final completion. God will then fully establish his Kingdom and finish the new creation - a new heaven and a new earth from which all evil and evildoers, all suffering and death, will be excluded and in which God will be glorified forever.

DECLARATION: I have read the Statement of Faith and am in full agreement with it.

Signed

(A printed signature is sufficient if sent by email)

Name in block capitals.....

Date:.....