



JSM LANGHAM SCHOLAR GRANT PROGRAM 2009-2010

Thank you for requesting an application for a John Stott Ministries (JSM) grant award for Ph.D. studies. JSM provides grants for theological leaders and teachers, from Majority-World* countries, who have been accepted into Ph.D. programs in the United States or Canada. JSM also provides grants for Ph.D. studies at certain theological institutions in other parts of the world. (* "Majority World" refers in broad terms to Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Latin America, sometimes called "developing world.").

OUR PROGRAM POLICY AND PRIORITIES

Our scholarship program 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 an evangelical institution in the United States or the Majority World (formerly two-thirds world) or who have identified a mentor that is evangelical

Our scholarships support scholars who contextualize 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 John Stott Ministries Scholarship Selection 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. 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 Master's degree.

*you are committed to serving within your home country or region immediately upon completion of your degree program.

*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 John Stott Ministries will award to a full-time scholar is \$26,000 per year.

*you have already applied to a graduate institution for doctoral studies in the United States or in your own region. You may contact the Director of the Scholars Program for a list of recommended schools, scholarships@johnstottministries.org.

* you are willing to sign the Langham Statement of Faith; and the Grant Agreement (annually), both of which may be found at the end of this document.

*you will normally be under 40 years of age at the time your doctoral studies commence and your children are not teenagers. Exception may be given to candidates who will study in the Majority World..

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, a global community of leaders who teach and equip the church.

Steps for Submitting the Application

Please submit the **APPLICATION FORM** by e-mail. After we review your application, we will notify you to submit the other documents requested for your file.

The following items will be needed to complete your file. (Please send them by email)
We do not require any of them to be personally signed.

- Two PHOTOGRAPHS—1) of yourself (close-up view) and 2) your family.
- If you have already been accepted by a seminary or graduate institution for doctoral work, please send a copy of the LETTER OF ADMISSION.
- If you have already commenced the course, attach your latest PROGRESS REPORT from your present supervisor.

TRANSCRIPTS of all your post-secondary work.

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.

- Sign and return the STATEMENT OF FAITH and the ANNUAL AGREEMENT to be found below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ELECTRONICALLY

- _ Please only send files as Word documents/ attachments or as pdf files.
- _ Please do NOT use Picture Manager to send 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. We endeavor to answer all inquiry and application emails immediately.

Your completed application should be sent to Dr. Elaine Vaden, Scholar Director,
elaine.vaden@johnstott.org.



JSM-Langham Scholar Grant Program

Scholarship Application

(Please use the needed space to complete the application by inserting your answers at each designation.)

I. Personal Information

(Please underline your family name)

Last Name/Surname :

First Name :

Title (Mr Ms Mrs Rev Dr) :

Nationality:

Church Denomination:

Ordination, if applicable:

Date:

Place:

Date of birth (dd/mm/yy):

Address:

Telephone numbers:

Home:

Work:

Mobile:

Email addresses:

Home:

Work:

Other:

Spouse Name:

What academic qualifications does your spouse have?

Does he/she intend to study at the same time as you?

Children (name, gender and birthdates):

Professional Experience—Include secular, academic and ministerial

(use as many lines as needed)

Current Position	Organization/Employer	Address	Dates
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Prior positions:

Additional Church Service:

Position	Organization/Employer	Country	Dates
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Reason for Ph.D. study

Please explain (in one or two sentences) why you hope to undertake post-graduate research.

Do you have a faculty appointment at a Majority-World college or seminary? Yes No
If yes, at which institution?

Explain why this institution wishes you to obtain a Ph.D.

Your “sending institution” must complete a reference form and must verify that you will be appointed to the faculty upon completion of Ph.D. studies.

What leadership role do you expect to have in your country upon completion of your studies?

Plans for Ph.D. studies

Institution(s) to which you are applying? Please indicate your first choice, if applying to more than one institution.

Have you been accepted?

Field of Study:

What will be your research topic? How will your research impact the church or seminary in your home country? (please put this in few words as possible)

Who will be your faculty/academic mentor at this institution?
Why has this person been chosen as your mentor?

Ph.D. Program Start Date:

Scholastic Standing

1. TOEFL, date passed: Score:

2. Language Proficiency:
 Greek Units Completed:
 Hebrew Units Completed:

Modern research languages

1)

Units Completed:

2)

Units Completed:

Other languages you speak fluently:

3. If you are already enrolled in a Ph.D. program:

List completed doctoral work:

Letters of Recommendation

Please provide the names of three references with the contact information. References should be from church leaders, pastors or professors in your home country. One of the three must be a recommendation from the institution where you have a faculty appointment. If you have already begun your doctoral program, a fourth reference from a Ph.D. program professor should be included.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position and Organization</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
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2.			
3.			
4.			

PLEASE NOTE

This application (not including references) may be reviewed by members of the Langham Partnership Regional Council or graduated JSM–Langham Scholars in your region.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This information should be supplied by the institution you wish to attend. The JSM Scholar Director can assist you in obtaining this information.

FINANCIAL NEEDS

Amount for one year, in US dollars

Housing & utilities	\$ _____
Food & personal items	\$ _____
Tuition	\$ _____
Books & materials	\$ _____
Local transportation	\$ _____

Insurance (health/auto)	\$ _____
Air Fare	\$ _____
Miscellaneous	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____ x _____ years

FINANCIAL PLEDGES

Personal contribution/employment	\$ _____ x _____ years
Family/friends	\$ _____ x _____ years
Your local church in your home country	\$ _____ x _____ years
Your educational institution in your home country	\$ _____ x _____ years
Your Ph.D. institution	\$ _____ x _____ years
Other organizations	\$ _____ x _____ years
_____	\$ _____ x _____ years

TOTAL
\$ _____ x _____ years

- Do you intend to bring your spouse and children with you?
- If you are leaving your spouse and children behind who will support them financially?
- Have you ever lived in the West (U.S./Canada/Western Europe/Great Britain)?
Yes No
If yes, how many years?
Where did you live?
If you have family living in the U.S. or Canada, please describe relationship:
- Do you or any member of your family have health problems or handicaps? If so, what kind?

MY STATEMENT

I attest that the information in this application is true. I further affirm that it is my firm and definite intention, upon completion of my studies, to return to my own country.

Signature _____

Date _____

(Answers for each question should be 2-3 paragraphs)

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Please share your past Christian experience, including your conversion, the role of Christ in your religious experience, and any spiritual highlights.

2. Please describe your primary understanding of God's calling for you. What do you want to accomplish in the future? How does your Ph.D. research help you fulfill this sense of call?

3. What do you envision for the advancement of the Gospel in your church, organization, or country? What do you believe the mission of the church is in your country? What are some of the unique cultural or contextual hurdles?

4. How does your evangelical Christian faith shape your life and ministry?



John Stott Ministries

We Develop Strategic Christian Leaders
Worldwide



The following statement expresses the evangelical commitment of John Stott Ministries. All Board Members, Committee Members, Employed Staff, and JSM-Langham Scholars shall subscribe to it in writing at the time of selection. The JSM Board shall corporately read it at each annual meeting.

John Stott Ministries is committed to the fundamental truths of historic, biblical Christianity, and 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

Printed Name
Date

Signature

Annual Grant Agreement
2008-2009

- I agree to make my doctoral work my priority, after God and family, recognizing my time now is to be spent for the primary purpose of pursuing a Ph.D., which is in itself a fulltime ministry.
- I agree to minimize any and all outside ministries, activities and/or employment opportunities that might conflict with my study program to no more than 10 hours a week.
- I agree to inform the JSM Scholar Director of any change in my visa. This applies to scholars in US institutions. Scholars studying in the US are expected to maintain an F1 Student Visa.
- I agree to a joint meeting with the JSM Scholar Review team and my faculty mentor to participate in an annual review of my academic progress.
- I agree to maintain correspondence with the sending institution in my country and provide evidence of this annually to the JSM Scholar Director.
- I agree to submit a personal budget of income and expenses to assist the JSM Board in their grant decisions.
- I agree to adhere as closely as possible to the moral and ethical standards set forth by Jesus Christ, and I understand that failure to do so may result in a discontinuance of my JSM grant.
- I understand that if I do not return to the Majority World immediately upon completion of my degree, the grants I have received will be treated as a loan repayable back to JSM. I agree to begin repayment immediately in this circumstance.
- I agree to serve in my country of origin for no less than ten years. If I accept an employment position in North America or Western Europe within ten years of the completion of my Ph.D., I will repay to JSM 10% of my total scholarship for each year remaining of my ten-year commitment.

In return for my grant from JSM, I agree to each of the above statements and will to the best of my ability and with God's help commit myself to each of these requirements.

Scholar Printed Name
Date

Signature

email

Faculty Mentor Printed Name	Signature	email
Date		

Printed Name of Representative	Signature	email
Date		

Majority-World Sending Institution

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