

TRT Graduate Scholars Program

This Templeton Religion Trust funded initiative, on the development of virtues in the practices of science, invites graduate student applicants in **developmental or cognitive psychology** the opportunity to be affiliated with a multidisciplinary research project. The graduate student will receive a stipend of \$25,000/annum for the first three years of study, followed by a stipend at the standard rate of \$19,000/annum for the final two years, with candidates eligible to apply for additional top off funding through the Center for Theology, Science and Human Flourishing, subject to satisfactory progress.

Potential applicants for the TRT graduate scholarships should apply to the psychology department at the University of Notre Dame by the specified deadline under cognitive or developmental emphases, **but state clearly at the top of their letter of intent that they wish to be considered for one of these scholarships.** See further details. [Note: Add a link for [Further details](#) in the advert, connected to the information below listed as '[Further Details: Templeton Religion Trust Graduate Scholarships](#)']

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The successful graduate student will be eligible for an additional \$1,500 per year for their first three years of study to foster attendance at academic conferences where the work presented will be directly related to the project intent. In 2018 it is anticipated that a proportion of this funding will be used to support travel in order to participate in an international conference in London in August 2018 that is an integral part of the project.

For the new Templeton scholar, admission procedures will be through the processes already in place for psychology graduate entry. The doctoral program in psychology is a 5-year program that develops skills in both research and teaching. Students complete a first-year research project, a master's thesis, the doctoral candidacy examination, and their doctoral dissertation. For more information, go to the Department of Psychology website (<https://psychology.nd.edu/graduate-programs/>)

The new TRT graduate student in psychology will be required to take electives in either theology or history and philosophy of science while fulfilling all the requirements customary for the psychology department. It is likely that this candidate will take the minor in History and Philosophy of Science that is currently on offer, though this will be subject to negotiation on a case-by-case basis.

As an integral part of receipt of a scholarship, the student will be expected to assist postdoctoral fellows on the team and faculty members in editorial work for publications arising out of the project, as relevant to their particular areas of expertise.

Incentives will be provided for the student to publish an article in a peer-reviewed journal in their field that incorporates anthropological insights, a prize of \$750 for publication in an academic peer-reviewed journal and \$250 for publication in a popular magazine. Candidates would not be eligible for more than one prize in each category. Such publications need to be accepted for publication prior to the end of the grant period in order to be eligible for these TRT scholar prizes, though the publication itself may appear in press a year or more after this for academic articles.

All elements of this proposed project are designed to foster its central aim in providing a pool of graduate scholars who will have the confidence to venture forth into new and currently unexplored areas of innovative research at the interface of theology, philosophy and psychology. The project is also significant strategically for the University of Notre Dame and beyond, in building capacity for creative research at the interface between theology and the human and natural sciences. All graduate scholars on this project will all be affiliated with a new Center for Theology, Science and Human Flourishing launched in 2015.

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