

# Postgraduate Scholarship Policy

## **Purpose:**

The Faculty of Union Theological College will seek to recruit a cohort of postgraduate students in line with the vision and mission of the College. In pursuing this goal, the Faculty will seek to provide scholarships for suitably-qualified students.

## **Aims:**

- To recruit a cohort of postgraduate students so as to develop a culture of research and a rich intellectual environment for theological thinking and reflection within Union College;
- To support research students in the development of research skills and to enhance their employability through personal development;
- To make strategic use of tuition fee reductions and available scholarship funds.
- To encourage the enrolment of female postgraduate students.

## **Process:**

Application for postgraduate scholarships should be submitted to the Principal. The Faculty will consider applications as appropriate. Although there is no formal deadline for application, applicants are advised to make their application as early as possible. The faculty do not normally consider requests for financial assistance until a formal programme application has been received.

The faculty will use the following criteria in arriving at its decisions:

- The meeting of all stipulations for admission to the degree programme
- The applicant's potential for a successful and timely completion of their research
- The financial need of the applicant
- The applicant's potential for service in church and society
- Special consideration will be given to female applicants

## **Terms of scholarships:**

For full-time PhD students, scholarships will normally be granted for a period of three academic years. For part-time PhD students, scholarships will normally be granted for no more than six years. An annual report on acceptable progress will be required during the years of the scholarship award and will normally be correlated with the annual PGR review process of the College.

For other students at postgraduate level, scholarships will be granted based on the modular make-up of their programme. Consideration will be given to those pursuing research on a part-time basis.

**Promotion:**

The College will publicise the availability of these scholarships for those considering application for postgraduate degrees.