



## Postgraduate Bursaries, Fellowships & Scholarships

Nazarene Theological College has a range of Bursaries, Fellowships, and Scholarships, which are designed to support Postgraduate students at the college. A brief description of these awards is provided below. Students wishing to apply for one or more of these should complete the *Application for Financial Aid* which is attached to this document, and, where required, complete the *Needs Assessment Form* so that the Postgraduate Awards Committee has the information it requires.

### 1 Entrance Bursary for Academic Excellence

Students who hold a First Class Honours or Masters with Distinction degree (or its equivalent, e.g., Summa Cum Laude) will receive a £300.00 Entrance Bursary. This is a non-renewable award.

### 2 College Prize for Academic Excellence

The full-time student with the highest overall achievement in the MA during the previous twelve months will be awarded the College Prize at the Graduation Service.

### 3 Loyalty Bursary

Students who are graduates of NTC and apply within five years of completing either an undergraduate degree or a Masters Degree will receive a 20% loyalty bursary to be deducted from the residual amount students will pay from their own resources after all other awards are applied.

### 4 Students from Lower-Income Countries

Postgraduate students from lower income countries (i.e. holding the passport of that country) will be charged at home student rates, and be eligible for bursary support based on home student bursary criteria. This policy applies to citizens of countries with low Gross National Income. A list of the lower income countries to which this subsidy applies, and the precise definition used, is available from NTC. For students commencing in 2011/12 this approximately relates to countries with a GNI of less than \$3,705 at July 2007. In addition, providing they can demonstrate financial need, may also be eligible for a Community Service Bursary of up to 40% of the balance of their tuition fees after all other awards have been deducted.

### 5 European Union Members of the Church of the Nazarene

Part-Time and Distance Learning Students	Full-Time Students
Students who have been members of the Church of the Nazarene for a minimum of one year immediately prior to registration will receive a bursary of up to 10% of the tuition fee on demonstration of financial need.	Students who have been members of the Church of the Nazarene for a minimum of one year immediately prior to registration will receive a community service bursary of up to 20% of the tuition fee on demonstration of financial need.

### 6 Non-European Union Members of the Church of the Nazarene

Part-Time and Distance Learning Students	Full-Time Students
Overseas students from outside the countries of the EU who have been members of the Church of the Nazarene for at least a year immediately prior to registration will be eligible for a bursary of up to 20% of the tuition fee on demonstration of financial need.	Overseas students from outside the countries of the European Union who have been members of the Church of the Nazarene for at least a year immediately prior to registration will be eligible for a community service bursary of up to 40% of the tuition fee on demonstration of financial need.

### 7 Non-European Union non-members of the Church of the Nazarene

Part-Time and Distance Learning Students	Full-Time Students
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Overseas students from outside the countries of the EU who are not members of the Church of the Nazarene will be eligible for a bursary of up to 10% of the tuition fee on demonstration of financial need	Overseas students from outside the countries of the European Union who are not members of the Church of the Nazarene will be eligible for a community service bursary of up to 20% of the tuition fee on demonstration of financial need.
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## 8 Ministers in the Church of the Nazarene

Part-Time and Distance Learning Students	Full-Time Students
Ordained or licensed ministers in the Church of the Nazarene will be eligible for a further reduction of up to 10% of the remaining balance of the tuition fee on demonstration of financial need.	Ordained or licensed ministers in the Church of the Nazarene will be eligible for a further reduction of up to 10% of the remaining balance of the tuition fee on demonstration of financial need.

## Other Scholarships

The following Scholarships and Fellowships are available to students who fulfil particular criteria listed in the awards. Renewal of these awards is contingent upon satisfactory academic progress. Each of the awards normally requires the successful student to contribute 10 hours of community service time (unless otherwise noted) to benefit the College Community.

### The Hynd Scholarship

This scholarship provides support for African Nazarene graduates nominated by the Africa Region (Church of the Nazarene) normally for full-time postgraduate theological education at Nazarene Theological College. The award covers the full amount of tuition, university and examination fees during the academic year. Renewal of the award is contingent upon satisfactory academic progress.

### The Souter Charitable Trust Postgraduate Student Fellowship

This fellowship provides support for Nazarene graduates recommended by the relevant Church of the Nazarene regional authorities, normally for full-time research at Nazarene Theological College. The award covers the full amount of tuition, university and examination fees during the academic year and makes a major contribution towards living costs while candidates are resident in Manchester. Renewal of the award is contingent upon satisfactory academic progress.

### The Don and Bonnie Irons Fellowship

This fellowship provides support for Nazarene graduates from outside the United Kingdom to conduct research through the Nazarene Theological College. The award covers the full amount of tuition, university and examination fees while candidates are resident in Manchester; living costs will normally be supported by funds from the student's region, field, or sponsoring institution. Renewal of the award is contingent upon satisfactory academic progress.

### The Hugh & Nan Rae International Fellowship

This fellowship provides support for Nazarene graduates from outside the United Kingdom to conduct research through the Nazarene Theological College. Subject to the resources available in the fund, the award covers the full amount of tuition, university and examination fees and makes a contribution towards living costs while candidates are resident in Manchester. Renewal of the award is contingent upon satisfactory academic progress.

### The MWRC Junior Research Fellow

MWRC Junior Fellows shall be elected from amongst applicants who are postgraduate research students of the University of Manchester normally registered for doctoral research through Nazarene Theological College. Research students registered through the college shall be eligible for an award of up to 50% of tuition fees upon election. This working bursary shall be granted from the time of election and shall be renewable during the normal registration period. Recipients will be expected to take on community service duties with the MWRC, normally of 12 hours each week.

### Eurasia Regional Scholarships

The Eurasia Regional Scholarship Committee makes awards to Nazarene graduate students from the Eurasia Region. Application should be made to the Eurasia Regional Scholarship Committee, Eurasia Regional Office, Postfach 1217, 8207 Schaffhausen, Switzerland; E-mail: [office@eurasiaregion.org](mailto:office@eurasiaregion.org)

### **Postgraduate Teaching Assistantship**

Normally available to returning full-time students only (ie year two and beyond), this assistantship is designed to give the postgraduate student experience in class preparation and class assessment, and offers limited experience of mentored teaching. It amounts to £750 each year for each appointment (up to three to be made in any year). Teaching Assistantships are renewable.

### **The Dorothy Thompson Scholarship**

This community service scholarship, normally available to full-time students, covers up to 20% of tuition fees. Recipients will be

expected to take on light library duties, up to 12 hours per week.

### **NTC Conference Travel Grant**

Limited funds will be made available each year for full-time research students who wish to attend an academic conference. By application only.

### **NTC Teaching Scholarship (By invitation)**

Selected research students may be invited to take limited undergraduate teaching responsibilities, or participate as part of the MA teaching team for selected units.

## **Questions and Answers about Financial Aid for Postgraduate Study At Nazarene Theological College**

**Q: If I am accepted as a postgraduate student at the College, is there any financial assistance available?**

**A:** Yes. The financial aid that is available is broadly of two types: government awards, and college and denominational awards. Each award has specific criteria attached to it. See the range of government funding and other external sources on the following web-sites: [www.dfes.co.uk/studentsupport](http://www.dfes.co.uk/studentsupport) and [www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org)

**Q: I am resident of the UK and I wish to register as a full-time research student at the College. What support might I receive from public funds?**

**A:** Your first place of enquiry should be to the Arts and Humanities Research Council. The AHRC makes awards that cover full tuition fees plus a generous maintenance allowance. These are competitive awards with strict application deadlines. Check the following web-site for details of awards and application forms: [www.ahrc.ac.uk](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk)

**Q: I am an EU citizen but not resident in Britain. As a full-time research student at the College, am I eligible for an award from the Arts and Humanities Research Council?**

**A:** Yes. The AHRC makes awards that cover full tuition fees to EU citizens. These are competitive awards with strict application deadlines. Check the

following web-site for details of awards and application forms: [www.ahrc.ac.uk](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk)

**Q: I am not eligible for an AHRC award because I am not an EU citizen. Are there other awards for which I might apply?**

**A:** You should check for awards that might be available in your own country. North American students, for instance, are eligible for student loans. Application forms can be obtained from the appropriate Higher Education funding agency in your home state/province. Check the British Council website for addresses and other information: [www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org)

**Q: What other awards are available?**

**A:** A number of awards are made through the College. See the information on the page titled *Postgraduate Bursaries, Fellowships & Scholarships* for the range of support available.

**Q: What is a 'community service bursary'?**

**A:** Some full-time scholarships and bursaries are 'community service awards', entailing limited responsibilities in a range of roles. Students may choose to receive a lesser amount and thereby not assume the duties carried by the award – but these duties will be designed to give the student valuable experience for her or his CV. To qualify for a Community Service Bursary, students will be

required to offer their services for the benefit of the College community in a range of roles. A 20% bursary equates to 7 hours of volunteer time per week; a 40% bursary to 14 hours per week, a 50% bursary will be the maximum award made and will equate to 17.5 hours of volunteer time per week. Community Service Bursaries will include but not be limited to library support; exam invigilation; teaching assistant roles; administrative/clerical tasks.

**Q: How do I apply for assistance?**

**A:** Download the *Application for Financial Aid* from the web-site, complete it and send it to The Registrar along with your application form.

**Q: How will you handle my application?**

**A:** Your *Application for Admission* to the course will be sent to the MA Admissions Committee or the Research Degrees Committee for consideration. Once your application has been accepted, your *Application for Financial Aid* will be considered by the Postgraduate Awards Committee. Their decision will normally be part of the official *Offer of a Place* that you will receive from the College.

**Q: Do I qualify for one of the named scholarships?**

**A:** These scholarships have criteria attached to them. The Hynd Scholarship is restricted to Nazarene applicants from Africa, the Souter Fellowship and Don and Bonnie Irons Fellowship are restricted to Nazarene research degree candidates from outside the EU and the Rae Fellowship restricted to Nazarene applicants from outside the EU.

**Q: Will everyone who qualifies for one of the named scholarships receive an award?**

**A:** Unfortunately, the resources in these funds are limited. Thus, the Postgraduate Awards Committee will have to adjudicate between applicants and determine the level of award on the basis of the amount of money in the fund.

**Q: I'm an international student, but I'm not a member of the Church of the Nazarene. Are there bursaries or scholarships for which I can apply?**

**A:** You'll see that as well as a scholarship for academic excellence, there is a needs-based bursary for students whose country of origin is outside the EU.

**Q: I am a member of the Church of the Nazarene, applying for the MA degree. Which named scholarship might be available?**

**A:** The Rae Fellowship, but only if you are not from the UK. And the Hynd Scholarship, but only if you are from Africa.

**Q: How should I apply for support from the Eurasia Regional Scholarship Fund?**

**A:** If you are a member of the church of the Nazarene, involved in ministry in the Eurasia Region, please contact the Eurasia Regional Office for the appropriate forms. Complete these forms and send them, along with the *Application for Admission* and the *Application for Financial Aid*, to the Registrar, who will forward them to the Eurasia Regional Office. Nazarene Students from other world areas should contact their Regional Education Coordinator for information on funding options from their region.

**Q: I note that several of these awards stipulate 'on demonstration of financial need.' How do I demonstrate that?**

**A:** The *Application for Financial Aid* needs to be completed in full. Please answer all the questions on the form, and attach the completed *Needs Assessment Form*. The Postgraduate Awards Committee will make its decisions on the basis of these completed forms. US students should, where possible, attach a copy of their SAR.

**Q: I am applying for part-time study. Do I qualify for any awards?**

A: Yes. Except where otherwise stipulated, you can apply for financial aid. Follow the same process as full-time applicants.

**Q: I did not submit my *Application for Financial Aid* with my *Application for Admission*. Am I too late to be granted an award?**

A: No. Your application will be considered at the next meeting of the Postgraduate Awards Committee. Any award made will apply from that date forward. Awards cannot be made retrospectively.

**Q: I am not an EU citizen. Can I supplement my resources by part-time work?**

A: Not at present. Immigration regulations have changed, so you are no longer allowed to take part time work.

**Q: I am not an EU citizen. What about health care while I am a student? And my family?**

A: If you are a student registered at the College and are going to stay in the UK for more than six months you will qualify for NHS treatment from the beginning of your stay and you will be entitled to NHS treatment and you may register with a GP. Regulatory changes mean that it is not likely that you will be able to bring your family with you.

**Q: Does the College have any openings for teaching assistants or similar roles?**

A: There may be some opportunity to gain experience and earn some money as well. These sorts of appointments would normally be available for research degree candidates who have already completed their probationary period.

# Nazarene Theological College Needs Assessment Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Origin (and residence if different)\_\_\_\_\_

1. <b><u>Declaration of Annual Income:</u></b>		2. <b><u>Declaration of Assets:</u></b>	
	(£) (\$) (€)*		(£) (\$) (€)*
a) Your Income	_____	a) Student Loans	_____
b) Spouse's Income	_____	b) Scholarships	_____
c) Family Support	_____	c) Savings	_____
d) Other (Specify)	_____	d) Other (Specify)	_____
e) Other (Specify)	_____	e) Other (Specify)	_____
Total Income	_____	Total Assets	_____

3. <b><u>Please use this section to give a detailed break down of your annual expenditure:</u></b>			
	(£) (\$) (€)*		(£) (\$) (€)*
a) Mortgage/Rent	_____	b) Insurance	_____
c) Utilities	_____	d) Transport Cost	_____
e) Food/Clothing	_____	f) Charitable Giving	_____
g) Child Care	_____	h) Books/Resources	_____
i) Other (Specify)	_____	j) Other (Specify)	_____
Total Expenses:	_____		

\*Please delete as appropriate.

**If you need to provide a more detailed explanation for any sections above, please attach this information to this form on a separate document.**

**Please Note:**

**Documentary evidence may be requested; failure to disclose all income could invalidate your application.**

For help in completing this form please see accompanying guidance notes.

# Needs Assessment Form

## Guidance Notes

### Section 1.

- a) Include total salary for the last tax year.
- b) As above.
- c) Monies pledged to you by other relatives to help pay for your studies.
- d) & e) Use these to disclose other regular sources of income, such as preaching engagements, additional part time or casual employment, missionary support, regular interest from saving etc.

### Section 2.

- a) List student loans you are obtaining to help fund your course at NTC.
- b) Scholarships granted by other awarding bodies (Do not include those applied for through NTC Manchester).
- c) You should list funds you hold in bank accounts.
- d) & e) Use these to tell use of any other assets such as property, investments, stocks etc.

### Section 3.

- a) Provide the annual amount you pay in rent or mortgage for your current accommodation. If you live rent-free (i.e. in a church house or college house), please use d) or e) of section one and provide an estimate of the benefit to you in kind.
- b) Include items such car insurance, building and contents insurance, life assurance, etc, for the last tax year.
- c) This should include items such as, electricity, gas, telephone, rates, etc.
- d) Amount you spend on regular travel, along with estimate of travel to and from the college.
- e) Please estimate your expenditure on an annual basis.
- f) Amounts you gave to charity during the last tax year.
- g) The cost of outside childcare such as nursery fees.
- h) Annual amount you spend on books and resource materials along with an estimate you would require for these whilst at college.
- i) & j) please use these to tell use of any other regular items of expenditure not covered in the above.

# ***Nazarene Theological College*** ***Application for Postgraduate Financial Aid***

**Personal Details:**

Student's First Name	
Students Last Name	
Title:	
Postal Address	
Email Address	
Telephone Number	

**Study Details:**

NTC Course of Study you intend to pursue	
Mode of Study (Full Time/Part Time)	
First Registration (i.e. September 2006)	

**Bursaries and Scholarships for which you wish to apply (tick as applicable). See Awards Information for further details (above).**

✓	Title of Award	Notes	For College Use Only
	<b>Entrance Bursary for Academic Excellence</b>	Based on Transcript Data	
	<b>Loyalty Bursary</b>	Graduates of NTC only	
	<b>European Union Members of the Church of the Nazarene</b>	<i>Needs Assessment Form</i> required	
	<b>Non-European Union Members of the Church of the Nazarene</b>	<i>Needs Assessment Form</i> required	
	<b>Non-European Union non-members of the Church of the Nazarene</b>	<i>Needs Assessment Form</i> required	
	<b>Ministers in the Church of the Nazarene</b>	<i>Needs Assessment Form</i> required	
	<b>The Hynd Scholarship</b>	Africa Nazarene Region candidates only	
	<b>The Souter Charitable Trust Postgraduate Student Fellowship</b>	Nazarene research degree only.	
	<b>The Don and Bonnie Irons Fellowship</b>	Nazarene non-UK candidate only.	
	<b>The Hugh and Nan Rae International Fellowship</b>	Nazarene non-UK candidates only.	
	<b>The Manchester Wesley Research Centre Junior Research Fellow</b>	<i>Needs Assessment Form</i> required.	
	<b>Eurasia Regional Scholarships</b>	Contact Regional Office (above)	
	Date of Meeting:	College Signature:	Total:

Please complete this form and return it with your application for postgraduate study.