

## **Doctoral Scholarship Guidance Notes for Applicants**

**You are advised to read these guidance notes before you begin your application.**

**Your doctoral studies:** Please state the title of your doctoral programme. Please read the conditions for grant funding very carefully before proceeding. Outline the modules you plan to take and a rough idea of your dissertation ideas. Your dissertation **must** be about Religion and Worldviews (RE). For example, a focus on PSHE, citizenship, RSE, general school ethos or values will not be considered. You can find more about how we understand the nature of Religion and Worldviews in schools on our website. [www.cstg.org.uk](http://www.cstg.org.uk)

**Start date:** This is your proposed or planned start date for the course. If you have already started your course please state this clearly with the date you began.

**End date:** When you plan to complete the course i.e. have submitted and passed your thesis.

**Title of your research/research question:** Please write this as succinctly as possible, there is space in the next question to add details.

**Summary of doctoral programme:** You can list here any taught modules you plan to take as part of your studies. In addition you should explain clearly your initial thoughts on the focus of your thesis. You should explain why you have chosen this focus, its importance and need within your particular context.

**Costs of doctoral studies per year:** This is the amount of the course fees per year as determined by your university

**Please describe how your studies will have impact on a) your own professional development b) Religion and Worldviews in your school/workplace c) the wider education community /society (maximum 500 words):** What difference will this research make in these three areas? What impact might it have on your own career and professional journey? E.g. subject knowledge, expertise What impact might it have on Religion and Worldviews in your school/workplace? E.g. in terms of curriculum, standards, subject knowledge. What impact might your studies/research have on other schools, a MAT, local SACRE, work colleagues and so on?

**Please describe how you intend to disseminate the findings and/ or outcomes of your work and to which audiences (maximum 300 words):** Think carefully about your networks or potential networks. How will you share your findings? E.g. through a local or regional network or hub, through blogs...

**In terms of your career, please describe where you see yourself in five years' time (max 300 words)** This gives you a chance to share your ambitions and think about how your new learning might impact on your career path in the future.

**Please identify the CSTG strategic objectives to which your studies are connected and explain how your thesis proposal is relevant to these:** You should look at these on our website [here](#) This is an important aspect of your application as the Trustee's will consider the relevance of your course/research to their own strategic objectives and whether it furthers their own mission.

**Current role/position:** For example, this may be as a teacher, headteacher, HLTA, adviser to a MAT or diocese, independent consultant...

**Current Employer's name and address:** You should include the full name of the organisation or school and the full postal address with a postcode.

**Confirmations:** It is important that you understand the commitment you are making. Please read the statements carefully as they will form the conditions of any award made to you.

**Are you seeking any finance, including grants, from other sources?** We look favourably on joint applications. Please state amount applied for and from which organisations. If you know the outcome of applications please state this, or state that applications are pending. In addition, in the next question it asks if you are eligible for reduced fees as, for example, an alumni of the university.

**Grants awarded for course fees will be paid directly to the institution:** Please provide a contact name and email for the Finance department. If you are not sure please give details of the main contact you have at the university/organisation you plan to study at.

**References:** You should ideally have an academic reference e.g. University tutor or lecturer and someone from your school e.g. line manager or headteacher or other employment. Do not include a reference from a personal friend or member of your family.