



THE JOAN ADAMS SCHOLARSHIPS IN THEOLOGY INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

The late Joan Adams and the Purpose of the Scholarships

Trinity College received a substantial bequest in 2016 from the estate of Joan Adams to the Frank Woods Studentship Fund within the Theological School. This Fund commemorates Archbishop Woods' support of theological education and ministry formation in the Province of Victoria. The Joan Adams Scholarships allow outstanding students to study toward degrees of the University of Divinity. Successful applicants will show potential to provide leadership in the College and in the wider Church during their studies and in their subsequent careers.

The Trinity College Theological School

Trinity College Theological School was established in Melbourne in 1877. It is committed to shaping men and women who wish to pursue ordination in the Anglican Church, develop skills for lay ministry, or explore Christian faith. This is pursued in a largely non-resident community committed to ecumenical endeavor and Anglican comprehensiveness. The School offers world-class learning opportunities preparing students for the diversity of the emerging church by showing a variety of models of church in contemporary society. Students undertake study for different reasons and in a variety of ways. Whether studying on campus, or online, part time or full time, students are encouraged to engage in open discussion and debate about Anglican traditions, the scriptures and how these apply to contemporary life.

Types of scholarships available

Up to three scholarships will be available at any one time for theological studies through Trinity College at undergraduate, postgraduate or doctoral levels for awards of the University of Divinity. The total value of individual scholarships will usually be between \$15,000 and \$35,000 per annum, depending on whether or not residential fees are included. Scholarships are normally awarded for up to three years, subject to satisfactory progress and annual review. It will be assumed that students will apply to use Fee-HELP to repay fees through the tax system, and that the scholarship will thus not be used merely for the payment of course fees. (Fee-HELP is available only to Australian citizens.)

Prerequisites for Applicants

Applicant should be active members of the Anglican Church of Australia, or a church in communion with the Anglican Church. Applicants will be intending to study full time. Priority will generally be given to those proposing to continue on to active ministry within the Church, for example through ordination, or those already ordained and seeking to pursue further studies; however, those interested in lay ministry or other church-based work are also encouraged to apply.

Expectations of Scholarship Holders

Joan Adams Scholars are expected to provide leadership within the College, including the academic and worshipping life of the School. Thus, it is expected that scholarship holders will take part in the full life of the College Chapel, including attendance at daily prayer. It is also expected that holders of the scholarships will provide leadership in the life of the Church. During the time of the scholarship this may be realised by a placement within a parish or other ministry program. The College reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship if a holder is not abiding by any of the conditions or expectations of the scholarship.

Residential Options

At least one of the scholarships will be available for an undergraduate applicant who proposes to reside in Trinity College and thus play a part of its collegiate life. Accommodation in individual rooms with shared facilities, including all meals, is available to Joan Adams Scholarship holders; in this case, the scholarship can be applied, in part, towards College residence fees. Scholarship holders may otherwise seek their own accommodation but come to the College, generally on a daily basis, to participate in academic and chapel life. In this case, part of the scholarship can be used for rent or other such living expenses.

Conditions of the Scholarships

To take up a scholarship, an applicant must enrol in a formal course of study offered by the University of Divinity through the Trinity College Theological School. For those not yet enrolled, all scholarships are granted conditionally upon the applicant being admitted. Scholarship holders will be resident in Melbourne during the term of the scholarship. The amount of any award in subsequent years will be based on an annual review. A fail mark in any unit, or a poor confirmation hearing for doctoral work, or failure to live up to the agreed expectations will usually result in withdrawal of the scholarship for the coming year.

Criteria for Award of the Scholarships

When applying for a scholarship an applicant should, in addition to the provision of any other relevant information, address the following criteria:

- high academic ability – applicants should already have a proven track record of solid academic achievement or provide evidence of such capacity;
- leadership qualities – applicants should have proven abilities to lead in whatever context they have been situated, or should outline how, in the context of Trinity College and the wider Church, they would intend to provide leadership.

How to Apply

Applicants should be familiar with the School and its programs. Information is available on the website or in the School's *Handbook*. To apply, send the following to the Registrar:

- a cover letter providing full name and contact details
- a statement of how you will support yourself financial, showing the level of financial support required
- an indication of the course of theological study you propose to undertake
- a personal statement of approximately two pages addressing the criteria for award of the scholarship explained above
- a curriculum vitae showing relevant study, experience and publications (if any)
- copies of academic transcripts of previous study (new students only)
- an indication of your plans regarding residence in Melbourne; and
- the names and contact details of three referees.

Deadline for Applications and Contact for Enquiries

Applications for scholarships should be received by **15 November** in the year prior to commencement of study; this is also the closing date for research degree (HDR) applications to the University of Divinity. Please address your letter to:

The Registrar
Trinity College Theological School
100 Royal Parade, Parkville Vic 3052.

Email for electronic copies (preferably PDF): tctsregistrar@trinity.edu.au