BYU
Religious Education
Dissertation Grant Program

Religious Education at Brigham Young University offers grants from private endowment funds to a limited number of Latter-day Saint advanced Ph.D. students who are attending institutions of higher learning. These grants are to assist students in the completion of their doctoral studies.

Grant Description

A stipend for tuition, supplies, academic travel, books, and other research related expenses, up to $10,000 (U.S.) per student, per year, is available.

Eligibility. To be considered for a grant you must be:

- A member in good standing of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- Enrolled in an accredited, full-time Ph.D. program.
- Studying in a discipline related to the teaching and research missions of Religious Education at BYU.
- Engaged in dissertation research and writing (in rare cases, students preparing for their comprehensive exams, whose exams are scheduled, may be considered).
- If you received a grant one year, you may reapply in subsequent years as long as you continue to meet these eligibility requirements.

How and When to Apply:

- One letter of recommendation indicating your academic progress and the support of the chair of your dissertation committee is required from him/her.
- One letter affirming your ecclesiastical good standing is required from your current LDS Bishop.
- These two letters must be sent directly to the BYU address below, not to you.
- Submit the form and associated documentation only when all is complete.
- Your completed application and letters must be received by 1 April to be considered for funding for the upcoming academic year (applications are not taken on a rolling basis, so submit in March).

Notification is usually made by 1 May.

All application materials must be sent to: Dr. Dana M. Pike, Associate Dean of Religious Education, 370D JSB, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah 84602 USA

(Over for application)
Applicant’s full name (please type or print legibly)

Street address       City       State       Postal Code

Phone number       Email address

University attending       Ph.D. program       Year in Ph.D. program (4th, 5th, etc.)

Areas of comprehensive exams       Date of comprehensive exams

Dissertation title or topic       Dissertation advisor

- Include a transcript of graduate course work thus far completed
- Include a brief prospectus of your dissertation, describing your topic, how you plan to approach it, and your qualifications to research and write the dissertation (1-3 pp)
- Include a statement of your post-grad school professional goals
- Include a proposed itemized budget of how you plan to spend the funds you are requesting