



# Doctor of Philosophy Degree

## *Offered by*

The University of Stellenbosch, South Africa  
in collaboration with the  
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## Characteristics of the Degree

- Advanced research competency in areas of theological study relevant for Christian ministry and missions.
- Fields of study in all areas of Christian theology and ministry, particularly in religion and public life, mission studies, world religions, Christian ethics, and pastoral theology.

## Types of Students Interested in the Degree

The typical student will be a Christian with experience in ministry and a commitment to Biblical, orthodox faith. He or she will be interested in a multi-cultural, international educational experience. He or she will want to reduce the costs of an advanced degree while obtaining a validated degree from an internationally recognised university. Applicants will have obtained a

master's degree from an accredited institution and have significant years of experience in the area of ministry relevant for advanced study. Examples may be:

1. A seminary lecturer from the 2/3rds world who seeks a PhD
2. A mission leader who has significant experience in missions who will gain needed expertise for ongoing mission work in a specific area
3. Church ministers guiding their constituency in challenging contexts who wish to upgrade their competencies and credentials
4. People involved in ministry in the public square, such as Christian development, religion and politics, Christian ethics

### **To explore studies, contact:**

The Oxford Co-Dean Dr Chris Sugden  
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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Total Length of Residency:

4 months spread over the course of the degree

### Costs:

#### Year 1

Tuition - \$3500

Introductory Residential Seminar at Stellenbosch - \$1200

#### Years 2, 3 and 4

Tuition - \$2750

Residential Seminar - \$1200

Note that travel costs to the residential seminars are not included.

Partial and full scholarship support can be applied for.

### Typical Length of Programme:

4 - 5 years, part-time

### Initial Orientation Period:

3 weeks

### Where:

Stellenbosch, Western Cape,  
Republic of South Africa

### When:

2 September – 23 September, 2017  
(Orientation Seminar, which counts toward 4 month residency)

## Partnership

The degree is offered in partnership with Barnabas Fund, which supports Christian leaders in contexts of persecution and suffering; and East Mountain, a ministry of United World Mission. East Mountain personnel will oversee residency, transportation, and some administration for the programme.

## Academic Team

### For Stellenbosch University:

The Dean of the Faculty of Theology

### For the Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life:

Director:



Canon Dr Vinay Samuel,  
Mission Studies, Religions  
and Social Studies

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### OCRPL Faculty of the Ph D Programme:

Co-deans:



Rev Dr Rollin Grams,  
New Testament,  
Biblical Ethics



Canon Dr Chris Sugden,  
Mission Studies and Ethics



Dr Martin Parsons,  
Islamics



Dr Tim Shah, Religion  
and Public Life



Rt Rev Dr Joel Obetia,  
Pastoral Theology



Dr Philip Giddings,  
Political Science



Dr Brian Wintle,  
New Testament



Dr Ng Kam Weng,  
Theology



Dr Martin Davie,  
Historical Theology



Professor Sarah Safdar,  
Sociology