

GUIDELINES: APPLICATION TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN BIBLICAL STUDIES (2017)

The doctoral programme in Theology/Religious Studies at Stockholm School of Theology is a four-year full time programme of 240 ECTS credits, 75 of which are course work and 165 dissertation work. At the present, two areas of specialization are offered in the research subject area of Biblical Studies: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies and New Testament Studies. The programme is managed according to the Swedish Higher Education Ordinance and the outcomes (goals) follow the Swedish System of Qualifications for higher education. Subsequent to completed courses and an approved dissertation, the president will award a degree certificate for the degree of Doctor of Theology.

For admission to the doctoral programme in Biblical Studies at THS, the applicant must fulfil the general entry requirements, the specific entry requirements for the research subject and area of specialization applied for, and be considered able to absorb the education.

General entry requirements include a second-cycle qualification/ Master's degree, including the completion of a minimum of 240 ECTS credits, of which at least 60 must be second-cycle credits, or equivalent knowledge. THS can evaluate "equivalent knowledge" in cases where the applicant holds a degree from an educational system with a structure which is incompatible with the European system.

Specific entry requirements for the doctoral programme in Theology/Religious Studies include the completion of at least 120 ECTS credits in the subject area, and relevant for the doctoral programme, including a broad general course, or the equivalent, of at least 30 ECTS credits in Theology/Religious Studies. In addition, the completion of at least 90 ECTS credits in the relevant research subject area is required, of which at least 30 must be second-cycle credits, including a thesis of at least 15 ECTS credits with the specialization applied for.

Admission to the programme in Biblical Studies, with specialization in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies, also requires completed courses of at least 45 ECTS credits in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament exegesis with Hebrew, and at least 30 ECTS credits in New Testament exegesis with Greek. Admission to the programme in Biblical Studies, with specialization in New Testament Studies, also requires completed courses of at least 45 ECTS credits in New Testament exegesis with Greek, and at least 30 ECTS credits in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament exegesis with Hebrew.

In ranking qualified applicants, great importance is attached to the ability to absorb scholarly literature, the capacity to do independent analyses, and the ability to clearly account for research results systematically and pedagogically in writing. Therefore, the assessment of an applicant's previous theses, particularly at second-cycle/Master's level, as well as the project plan, is of crucial importance. An excellent ability to absorb scholarly literature in English is also required. Additional modern and ancient language skills are considered a merit in relation to specific subject specialization and the character and form of the dissertation project.

Stockholm School of Theology announces two tax-free scholarships of SEK 18.000 per month, beginning with the autumn term 2017, and intended for full-time studies. Qualified applicants

with other types of funding may also be accepted. The mere fact that an applicant fulfills the general and specific entry requirements does not guarantee admission, even when funding is available. THS only admits applicants who are deemed to have sufficient capacity to complete a third-cycle/ doctoral programme with excellent results, including a dissertation of high quality.

Applicants should use a special form and attach necessary documents specified therein. Applications with attachments should be submitted electronically latest by May 15th, 2017. Additional information may be required and interviews may be arranged. Admission decisions will be available before the end of June.

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Area of specialization: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament New Testament

1. Name

2. Address

3. Previous education (institution, degree, field of specialization)

a. first-cycle programme / bachelor's degree

b. second-cycle programme / master's degree

c. other relevant education

4. Second-cycle / Master's thesis (subject area, specialization, title, name of supervisor)

5. Proposed dissertation topic

6. Other relevant merits

7. Application for

announced scholarship

admission with alternative funding (please specify in attachment)

8. Signature

Date

Please attach the following: a. degree certificates and official transcripts; b. copy of master's thesis ; c. project plan (proposed dissertation topic); d. personal letter; e. recommendation from previous thesis supervisor (if possible).

Application deadline is May 15th, 2017. Send to ths@ths.se, copy thomas.kazen@ths.se