



NUNC LICET FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

The Nunc Licet Fellowship is a merit-based scholarship program intended to relieve the financial burden of tuition expenses for promising individuals who wish to serve the ministries of the Swedenborgian Church of North America. Approved candidates who have been accepted into a full-time Master of Divinity degree program at an institution approved by the Center for Swedenborgian Studies (CSS)* will be awarded up to full tuition for the first year of their degree. Furthermore, if they are admitted to the ordination track by the denomination's Committee on Admission to the Ministry (CAM) before the beginning of their second year of matriculation, and providing that they stay in good standing with CAM, this fellowship will be extended to cover cost of tuition for the subsequent years of study. In addition to the curricular requirements of their particular MDiv program, candidates must complete a seven-course Certificate in Swedenborgian Ministry Studies (offered free of charge to ordination candidates) from CSS.**

As CSS is embedded within the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) at Berkeley, one of the largest interreligious consortiums for theological education in North America, preference will be given to candidates who wish to enroll at a GTU member school. In recognition of the high cost of living in the Bay Area, students studying in Berkeley will receive an annual housing stipend to help defray expenses in addition to their Nunc Licet tuition scholarship.

There are four parts to the application process:

- An initial meeting with a CSS faculty member
- Submission of a writing sample demonstrating academic potential and/or capacity for theological reflection (4-8 pages). This could be from prior academic work, an article published somewhere, or from a sermon or theological reflection.
- An acceptance letter to a CSS-approved Masters degree program, including all application materials.
- A written statement that reflects on the following questions (ca. 3-5 paragraphs each)
 - 1) Describe one or two key life-experiences that have informed your decision to begin an MDiv degree journey.

- 2) What Swedenborgian principles or teachings have most inspired you, and how do you understand their integration into your life's work or ministerial calling?
- 3) What do you hope to gain from your graduate education? In your response, consider what you are most curious to learn about and the areas of intellectual and spiritual growth that you would like to cultivate with Swedenborgian faculty and non-Swedenborgian faculty.

Contact the Dean of the Center for Swedenborgian Studies to begin an application or request more information: resterson@gtu.edu

*Traditionally ordination candidates pursue a three-year Master of Divinity. However, students can seek equivalency with a Master of Arts in Religion, a Master of Theological Education, or other two-year graduate degree. Students in approved two-year degrees are also eligible to apply for the Nunc Licet fellowship.

** Depending on the institution, some courses may count towards both the Master degree and the Certificate.



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