

## Application for Admission

**Semester and year for which you are seeking admission:**

- Fall 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Priority application deadline: February 1  
 Spring 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Priority application deadline: November 1

**Legal name** (last/first/middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name \_\_\_\_\_

Former name(s) that may appear on your records \_\_\_\_\_

**Current address** (street) \_\_\_\_\_ Effective until \_\_\_\_\_

City/state or province/country/zip or postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Current phone  h  c  w \_\_\_\_\_  h  c  w \_\_\_\_\_

Current e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent address** (street) \_\_\_\_\_

City/state or province/country/zip or postal code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Family member or someone who can always contact you** \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**To which program are you applying?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Master of Divinity (MDiv)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Sexuality and Religion (CSR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master of Theological Studies (MTS)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Special Studies (CSS)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Ministry (DMin)                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Swedenborgian Theology (CST) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Theological Studies (CTS)    |

- I am also applying to the GTU Common Master of Arts program with PSR as my school of affiliation.  
 I am transferring from another seminary or school.

Name of seminary/school: \_\_\_\_\_

(Transfer students are advised to contact the Assistant Dean for Academic Programs and the Field Education Office as soon as possible.)

Have you ever applied for admission to PSR?  No  Yes (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been denied admission to a seminary or graduate theological school?

No  Yes (school/seminary) \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons, if known \_\_\_\_\_

Name (last/first/middle) \_\_\_\_\_

The following information has no bearing on admission decisions:

Date of birth (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Racial/ethnic identity (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

If not a US citizen:

I will require an I-20 form from PSR in order to obtain my student visa.

I am already residing in the US. Legal status: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?  No  Yes (If yes, please explain on a separate page or pages.)

**LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OR OTHER RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION** (if any)

Name of church, institution, or organization \_\_\_\_\_

Street/city/state or province/country/zip or postal code \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a member of or affiliated with this church, institution, or organization? \_\_\_\_\_

List leadership positions you have had within this church, institution, or organization (attach additional sheet if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current denomination \_\_\_\_\_ Are you in the ordination process? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an ordained/licensed minister? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of ordination/licensure \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination in which ordained \_\_\_\_\_ Years in ministry \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC RECORDS**

Official transcripts are required from each of the colleges, universities, seminaries, and professional schools you have attended whether or not a degree was awarded. List these below in reverse chronological order, with the most recent listed first.

Institution	Dates attended	Major(s)	Degrees	Date awarded or expected	GPA
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

If your scholastic record is not a fair indication of your ability, please attach a statement describing why.

List academic honors, awards, or scholarships you have received, or leadership positions you have held in academic settings (attach additional sheet if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name (last/first/middle) \_\_\_\_\_

**LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

Please supply four typed letters of reference (only three for CSR applicants). Referrers could include a pastor, church member, lay leader, employer, professor, supervisor, or anyone (other than a family member) who knows you well. At least one referrer should be a professor or instructor who can evaluate your academic ability; and for those who are members of a faith community, at least one referrer should be a pastor or church leader. For DMin applicants only: referrers should include 1) a denominational/judiciary executive, 2) an ordained colleague, 3) a lay colleague, and 4) a professor who can evaluate your academic ability. Be sure to consider whether you wish to waive your right to read the letters, and indicate this on each reference form. Please send one form to each referrer.

1. Name/title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name/title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name/title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name/title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**HOUSING**

Full-time enrollment is required for housing. Housing is limited and cannot be guaranteed. We strongly encourage applicants to meet the priority deadlines.

Do you intend to apply for housing?  No  Yes

If yes, what kind of housing?  Single student housing  Family housing  Couple

**Family information for housing:**

Name of spouse/partner \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s), age(s), and gender(s) of child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL AID**

Do you intend to apply for financial aid?  No  Yes (If yes, you must submit a financial aid application.)

**IMPORTANT:** To be considered for financial aid, U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens must submit *both* the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** and the **Domestic Student Financial Aid Supplement**. International students must submit an **International Student Financial Aid Supplement**. We strongly recommend submitting these by the February 1 priority deadline for fall semester admission or by the November 1 priority deadline for spring semester admission. Financial aid may be limited for students submitting applications after these priority deadlines. All financial aid applications are available from the PSR Admissions Office or the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) Financial Aid Office, which administers student financial aid for PSR. Applications are also available online at [www.gtu.edu/admissions/financial-aid](http://www.gtu.edu/admissions/financial-aid). See the accompanying booklet and [www.psr.edu/financial-aid](http://www.psr.edu/financial-aid) for financial aid eligibility and additional information.

**HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT PSR?** (check all that apply)

- PSR Web site
- Home church pastor
- PSR alumna/us
- Campus minister
- Current school/professor
- PSR faculty, staff, or student
- Friend/aquaintance
- Print material
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person/institution selected above \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all other schools to which you have applied or are planning to apply: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name (last/first/middle) \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL STATEMENT FOR APPLICATION

#### All programs (except DMin and CAPS)

Please answer all of the following questions in a maximum of six pages. Your statement must be typed, double-spaced, and include your name and the date.

1. What are your vocational and professional goals? How will this program support these goals?
2. What and who have been the formative faith and life influences that led you to pursue these goals?
3. How have your faith, life, and worldview been affected by the pluralistic nature of today's world (e.g., class, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, etcetera)?
4. Select what you understand to be one of today's most critical issues and reflect on it in terms of your own theological perspective.
5. Describe your leadership experience and/or your capacity for leadership. Have you had experiences in which you took a stand that was different from others in a group or organization? Have you had experiences in which you have helped people work together toward a common goal? (CSR applicants: please address your leadership in the area of sexuality and religion.)
6. What is your reason for applying to Pacific School of Religion in particular?

#### Additional questions for Master of Divinity applicants only

7. Identify the community of faith that will provide the context for your ministry. How will this community shape your ministry?
8. How will serious academic study support your preparation for ministry?

#### DMin and CAPS only

Please respond to the following three questions in an essay of 250 to 500 words (a maximum of two pages). Your statement must be typed, double-spaced, and include your name and the date.

1. Describe your community of faith and your leadership within that community.
2. Identify the most critical issues facing your community of faith.
3. Describe how participation in PSR's DMin or CAPS program can assist you in addressing the critical issues you have identified. What are the academic resources at PSR that would be most helpful to you, and how would you engage with these resources?

#### Additional question for DMin applicants only

Please respond to the following additional question in no more than 500 words (two typed, double-spaced pages with your name and the date).

4. Proposed area of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the focus of your proposed research project. Which of the critical issues in ministry identified in your answer to question 2 above will you explore, and how will you explore it? What is the context of your research project (the churches, communities, and geographic locations in which your research will take place; the history of the ministry issue that will be your focus)? Give as much detail as you can in the space available, and keep in mind the DMin's interdisciplinary design, ecumenical intention, and attention to critical cross-cultural scholarly resources.

#### Additional document for DMin applicants only

Please attach a curriculum vitae (resumé) that lists:

1. Your present and past professional positions (including the names of the employing churches or organizations, with dates and locations) in chronological order
2. Present and past denominational/judiciary responsibilities or other leadership positions you have held in your church or other organizations
3. Continuing education (including name of institution, dates, course(s), or activities)
4. Present and past community activities

*I understand that all materials submitted in conjunction with my application are the property of Pacific School of Religion and will not be returned. I understand that my application materials will be kept on file for one year, after which time all materials will be purged. I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete. I understand that inaccurate or misleading information will be cause for disqualification from further consideration for admission or for further action at the discretion of Pacific School of Religion. I understand that PSR, as a member of the Graduate Theological Union, reserves the right to obtain and share information with other GTU schools.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pacific School of Religion affirms its commitment to equality of opportunity for all individuals. This commitment requires that no discrimination shall occur regarding admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, any program or activity in the seminary on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability. This policy is in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1994, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.