

Guidelines for the awarding of scholarships for a four-month research stay at the Professorship of Global Church Leadership

According to its statutes, missio-Munich carries out its work in specific territories: Africa, Asia, and Oceania. Also, the available funding for scholarships is limited and cannot cover all requests. The following criteria have therefore been established to determine scholarship eligibility:

– General –

1. missio Munich grants scholarships to clerics, religious, and lay people from Africa, Asia, and Oceania. These scholarships enable recipients to undertake a 4-month research stay at the LMU's Professorship of Global Church Leadership.

2. After completing their studies, candidates must work in their home diocese or home province (i.e., they will return to their home diocese/home province after the four-month research stay).

The main target groups are clerics, religious, and laypeople who are already in, or are destined to assume, leadership roles at various levels within particular churches, religious orders, and church institutions. [see “3. Beneficiaries”, in “Scholarship programme for a four-month research stay at the Professorship of Global Church Leadership at the LMU”].

3. The completed application form, together with the other requested documents, must be sent to the specified email address before the deadline.

4. Only one application per academic year will be considered for a scholarship from the same diocese or religious province.

– Academic requirements –

5. Scholarships for a research stay at the Professorship of Global Church Leadership will only be awarded to doctoral and master's students who are currently conducting a research project based on one or more of the professorship's research and teaching interests. The aim is to support the candidates in their research, provide additional input through our academic programme, and establish close cooperation with them as individuals, their local churches, or religious orders, to improve leadership at all levels of the Church.

6. A good knowledge of the English language is required. This is necessary to attend the seminars and other academic events organised by the Global Church Leadership professorship. Although not a requirement, knowledge of German would be advantageous.

– Others –

7. It would be advantageous if the local Ordinary or religious superior clearly intended to confer a leadership role to the candidate upon completion of their studies. Alternatively, there should be a well-defined and close collaboration with the diocese, religious order, or church institution.
8. An extension of the scholarship beyond the four months can only be approved if there are sufficient reasons (e.g., illness). If this is the case, a written request accompanied by the relevant documents will be required.
9. Although the missio-scholarships are full scholarships, they are intended to help cover the costs of the four-month research stay, including accommodation and living expenses. They are standardised according to the German social context and cannot be adapted to individual circumstances. The scholarships are equal for all recipients, providing equal opportunities from the limited funds available.
10. Language courses during the four-month stay are not financed.
11. During their four-month research stay at the Professorship of Global Church Leadership, the beneficiaries of missio's scholarships will have the opportunity to attend seminars and conferences organised by the professorship. They will then relay the knowledge they have gained about good and efficient church leadership to their home communities, in line with the aims of missio Munich's funding.

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