

Bursaries and Qualifications

Bursaries

Please note that following international candidates will be considered for a 'Mission Bursary'. Applicants must be one of the following:

- incardinated into a Roman Catholic diocese;
- members of a Roman Catholic religious congregation;
- financially sponsored by a Roman Catholic diocese/religious congregation;
- financially sponsored by an internationally recognised church organisation.

The 'Mission Bursary' is equivalent to half the International Fee.

Importantly, the final decision remains with the relevant Dean and the Dean of Postgraduate Studies. Their decision is final.

You are welcome to raise the Mission Bursary during the admissions process.

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Further note, candidates who may be preparing to teach in seminaries or other pontifically established higher education institutions must hold a canonical degree. The apostolic constitution on ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties, (*Veritatis Gaudium*, 2018) states:

Teachers (Apostolic Constitution, Section III, Articles 19)

Art 19 § 2. In the Faculties of Theology and Canon Law, if the discipline is sacred or connected with the sacred, the Doctorate must normally be canonical. In the event that the Doctorate is not canonical, at least the canonical Licentiate is required.

Art 19 § 3. In all other Faculties, if the teacher has neither a canonical Doctorate nor a canonical Licentiate, he or she can be appointed as a permanent teacher only on condition that his or her formation is coherent with the identity of an Ecclesiastical Faculty ...

Ordinarily this means either a canonical Doctorate (DD) nor a canonical Licentiate (STL) is required to teach Theology at a seminary or other ecclesiastical higher institution. As a result, a Master's level programme may not be sufficient. It is recommended that such candidates consider the Licentiate pathway. If you may be teaching in the future and you think this applies to you, please raise the issue during the admissions process.