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APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadlines vary by program track please see our website /www.talbot.edu/dmin/tracks/

Note: *We encourage you to apply four to eight months ahead of your expected enrollment date.*

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: This form is for D.Min. applicants only. Applicants for other Talbot programs should request the appropriate form.

1. This application is to be completed and filed with the Office of Graduate Admissions. Use typewriter or print legibly. (You may also apply on line if you desire at: www.biola.edu/grad/applynow/)
2. An application fee of \$55 (non-refundable) must accompany the application.
3. The following documents are also required:
 - a. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. If enrolled at the time application is filed, be sure to request transcripts of work you have finished to date and final transcripts upon completion of your course of study. Transcripts must be official, that is, mailed directly from your college or university in a sealed envelope to the Office of Graduate Admissions.
 - b. Three references on forms provided, see instructions below;
 - c. A personal statement of approximately 2 typewritten (double-space) pages detailing: (1.) ministerial experience, (2.) personal strengths and weaknesses, and (3.) your objectives in pursuing a D.Min. degree
4. A spouse's statement (for married students only).
5. A statement of support from your current ministry assignment.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. *International applicants* - Follow the special admissions procedures described in the international graduate student admissions instructions (on the web at: www.biola.edu/grad/international). We recommend that international students living overseas allow at least six months for the necessary visas to be processed. TOEFL scores and Affidavit of Support are required.
2. *Divorced/Separated/Remarried applicants*: These issues may not disqualify you, however, they have a significant effect on your life and ministry. Therefore, please submit a one to two page statement indicating: the general circumstances (include counseling and attempts at reconciliation) and your view of the biblical teaching on separation, divorce and remarriage and how your situation relates to that teaching. Please reference appropriate biblical passages. What effect do you perceive it having upon your future ministry?
3. *Criminal conviction other than traffic violations*: Having been convicted does not necessarily disqualify you, however, it may have an impact upon your life and ministry. Therefore, on a separate piece of paper, describe the circumstances in full, including date(s) and the name and location of the court(s), nature of the offense(s) and disposition of the case, i.e., sentence imposed, and the impact you perceive it having upon your future ministry.

AFTER YOU'VE FILED

1. Any questions you have concerning admissions, financial aid, or housing should be directed to the Doctor of Ministry Office at 562-941-0351 X4822.
2. You will be notified of items needed to complete your file.
3. Upon completion of your file and review by committee, an admission decision will be made. Notification of the decision will be sent by mail.

UPON ACCEPTANCE

1. Remit required \$50 enrollment deposit payable to "Biola University" to the Office of Graduate Admissions.
2. Remit required \$500 fee payable to "Biola University" mailed to the Doctor of Ministry office.

If your plans change and you do not desire to complete your application or to enroll if accepted, please notify the Doctor of Ministry Office.

For more information visit our web site at: www.talbot.edu



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INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

Name in full _____ Social Security Number _____
Last First Middle

Home phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Current mailing address: _____
STREET AND NUMBER CITY STATE ZIP

Permanent home address: _____
STREET AND NUMBER CITY STATE ZIP

E-mail address: _____

Until what date will mail reach you at current mailing address? _____

Country of birth _____ Date of birth _____ Ethnicity (optional) _____ Gender _____

Marital Status: Single Engaged Married Divorced Separated Remarried Date of Marriage _____

Maiden Name (if applicable) _____ Name of spouse or fiancé (e) _____

Have you or your spouse ever been divorced or separated? _____ If yes, explain details on separate sheet (as per instructions).

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a traffic violation? Yes No If yes, describe in full (as per instructions).

Have you previously applied to any of the schools of Biola? Studied at any of the schools of Biola? _____

Which school? _____ Approximate date? _____ ID # (if applicable) _____

Country of Citizenship _____ Native Language _____

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of all students whose native tongue is not English (600 PBT, 100 IBT).

Test Date (if applicable): _____ Score: _____

If you are a foreign national now residing in the US, indicate your current visa status: Student (F-1)

Permanent resident (card #) _____ Other (specify) _____ Expiration Date of visa _____

Entrance Date

Indicate the date you plan to begin D.Min. studies: Month & Year: _____

Specialty Track: _____

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

The applicant must request the Registrar of *each college or university attended* (including community colleges, institutes, and schools you are presently attending) to send an *official* academic transcript directly to the office of graduate admissions. If the program has not yet been completed *another* transcript must be sent as soon as possible after the degree has been awarded and posted on the transcript.

List all schools attended beyond high school:

SCHOOL	MAJOR	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	DEGREE

Have you ever been refused admission to, or received disciplinary action from any post-secondary academic institution? _____
 If yes, attach statement with details.

REFERENCES

The applicant is required to furnish three references: one from a clergy colleague, one from a former graduate school professor and one from a lay person in your congregation (agency or board). Indicate below the names and addresses of the individuals to whom you give the reference forms. Please do not give references to relatives.

CLERGY COLLEAGUE: _____
 _____ Phone: () _____

PREVIOUS PROFESSOR: _____
 _____ Phone: () _____

LAY PERSON: _____
 _____ Phone: () _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Applicant is required to furnish a statement from a representative of applicant’s current ministry assignment indicating their approval and support of applicant’s intended Doctor of Ministry studies.

Representative’s Name _____ Phone: () _____

MINISTRY AND EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Name and address of your present ministry _____ Phone: () _____
NAME

_____ STREET AND NUMBER CITY STATE ZIP CODE

How long have you been serving in your present position? _____ Title _____

With what denomination (if any) are you now working? _____

Are you ordained? _____

Are you licensed? _____ When and by what organization? _____

What business, occupational, or military experience have you had in the past? (State nature of your work, organizations and dates involved.)

CALL TO CHRISTIAN SERVICE

State what led you to select some form of Christian service as your life work.

How did you first hear about the D.Min. Program at Talbot?

What was the most significant factor influencing your choice to attend Talbot School of Theology? (Check one square only.)

- Present Talbot student/friend
- Relative attending or alumnus
- Biola faculty
- Talbot referral
- Alumni
- Visit to Talbot School of Theology
- I was an undergraduate and or graduate student at Biola
- Magazine advertisement (specify)_____
- Other (list)_____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Is there any family or personal situation which may interfere with your theological studies? _____ If yes, attach statement with details.

How do you plan to finance your graduate education?_____

Standards of Conduct

Biola University has long recognized value in maintaining certain behavioral standards that contribute to the atmosphere on campus, foster fellowship with a wide range of Christians and, in many instances, assist in strengthening our Christian testimony to our community. In this light, Biola University asks its students to be supportive of this standard. Please read the attached Standards of Conduct and indicate your intent to abide by these agreements.

WILL YOU ABIDE BY THESE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT WHILE ENROLLED AT BIOLA? YES NO

Biola reserves the right to dismiss a student who, in its judgment, does not conform either to the stated regulations governing student conduct or the expressed principles, policies, and programs of the University.

In making application to become a student at Biola University I agree with the doctrinal and teaching position as described on this application (with my stated exceptions). I pledge myself to abide by the regulations of the administration and faculty; to protect the good name of the school; to preserve and protect the physical properties of the University; and to cooperate with all members of the University family in maintaining a spirit of Christian fellowship.

I certify that all information submitted in the application process including the application supplements (and supporting materials) is my own work, factually true and honestly presented. I understand that I may be subject to a range of possible disciplinary actions including admission revocation or dismissal should the information I certify be false.

Date

Applicant's signature (required)

Biola University has a strong conservative evangelical Christian commitment and requires that an accepted applicant be an evangelical believer in sympathy with our mission and doctrine. Biola retains the right to extend admission to those, who in our opinion, best fit our mission and doctrine. Biola University does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or veteran's status.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Inasmuch as the University is interdenominational and yet theologically conservative, the Articles of Incorporation contain a doctrinal statement which is given below:

The Bible, consisting of all the books of the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God, a supernaturally given revelation from God Himself, concerning Himself, His being, nature, character, will and purposes; and concerning man, his nature, need and duty and destiny. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are without error or misstatement in their moral and spiritual teaching and record of historical facts. They are without error or defect of any kind.

There is one God, eternally existing and manifesting Himself to us in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our Lord Jesus was supernaturally conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin Mary, a lineal descendant of David. He lived and taught and wrought mighty works and wonders exactly as is recorded in the four Gospels. He was put to death by crucifixion under Pontius Pilate. God raised from the dead the body that had been nailed to the cross. The Lord Jesus after His crucifixion showed Himself to be alive to His disciples, appearing unto them by the space of 40 days. After this, the Lord Jesus ascended into heaven, and the Father caused Him to sit at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come, and put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him to be Head over all things to the Church.

The Lord Jesus, before His incarnation, existed in the form of God and of His own choice laid aside His divine glory and took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men. In His pre-existent state, He was with God and was God. He is a divine person possessed of all the attributes of Deity, and should be worshiped as God by angels and man. "In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." All the words that He spoke during His earthly life were the words of God. There is absolutely no error of any kind in them, and by the words of Jesus Christ the words of all other teachers must be tested.

The Lord Jesus became in every respect a real man, possessed of all the essential characteristics of human nature.

By His death on the cross, the Lord Jesus made a perfect atonement for sin, by which the wrath of God against sinners is appeased and a ground furnished upon which God can deal in mercy with sinners. He redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse in our place. He who Himself was absolutely without sin was made to be sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. The Lord Jesus is coming again to his earth, personally, bodily, and visibly. The return of our Lord is the blessed hope of the believer, and in it God's purposes of grace toward mankind will find their consummation.

The Holy Spirit is a person, and is possessed of all the distinctively divine attributes. He is God.

Man was created in the image of God, after His likeness, but the whole human race fell in the fall of the first Adam. All men, until they accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior, are lost, darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, hardened in heart, morally and spiritually dead through their trespasses and sins. They cannot see, nor enter the Kingdom of God until they are born again of the Holy Spirit.

Men are justified on the simple and single ground of the shed blood of Christ and upon the simple and single condition of faith in Him who shed the blood, and are born again by the quickening, renewing, cleansing work of the Holy Spirit, through the instrumentality of the Word of God.

All those who receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and their Lord, and who confess Him as such before their fellow men, become children of God and receive eternal life. They become heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. At death their spirits depart to be with Christ in conscious blessedness, and at the Second Coming of Christ their bodies shall be raised and transformed into the likeness of the body of His glory.

All those who persistently reject Jesus Christ in the present life shall be raised from the dead and throughout eternity exist in the state of conscious, unutterable, endless torment of anguish.

The Church consists of all those who, in this present dispensation, truly believe in Jesus Christ. It is the body and bride of Christ, which Christ loves and for which He has given Himself.

There is a personal devil, a being of great cunning and power: "The prince of the power of the air," "The prince of this world," "The god of this age." He can exert vast power only so far as God suffers him to do so. He shall ultimately be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and shall be tormented day and night forever.

Explanatory Note:

This doctrinal statement, presented here as originally conceived by the founders of the organization, has been and continues to be the stated theological position of Biola University. Where "man" is used, referring to the human race, it includes both genders. In addition, the following explanatory notes indicate the organization's understanding and teaching position on certain points which could be subject to various interpretations:

In fulfillment of God's historical purpose for humanity to rule and establish God's kingdom on earth (Gen. 1:28; Ps. 8:4-8; Matt. 6:10 Heb. 2:6-9), the Scriptures teach a millennial reign of Christ with his saints on earth following his literal return. The nation of Israel, having been redeemed, will play a central role in bringing the blessings of salvation to all nations during the millennium in fulfillment of biblical prophecies (e.g., Is. 2:1-4, 11:1-12; Jer. 23:5-6; Ezek. 37; Amos 9:9-15; Zech. 14; Matt. 19:28; Acts 1:6, 3:19-21; Rev. 20:4-7). Following the millennium, this kingdom will be merged into the eternal kingdom (I Cor. 15:22-28).

Before these millennial events, the believers will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air (I Thess. 4:13-17). The time of this "rapture" is unknown, and thus believers are to live constantly watchful and ready.

The existence and nature of the creation is due to the direct miraculous power of God. The origin of the universe, the origin of life, the origin of kinds of living things, and the origin of humans cannot be explained adequately apart from reference to that intelligent exercise of power. A proper understanding of science does not require that all phenomena in nature must be explained solely by reference to physical events, laws and chance.

Therefore, creation models which seek to harmonize science and the Bible should maintain at least the following: (a) God providentially directs His creation, (b) He specially intervened in at least the above-mentioned points in the creation process, and (c) God specially created Adam and Eve (Adam's body from non-living material, and his spiritual nature immediately from God). Inadequate origin models hold that (a) God never directly intervened in creating nature and/or (b) humans share a common physical ancestry with earlier life forms.

Though there may be many fillings of the Holy Spirit, there is only one baptism which occurs at the time of regeneration. The gifts of the Spirit are given to believers according to the Will of God for the purpose of building up the Church. During the foundational era of the Church (i.e., the time of Christ and the Apostles) God gave special manifestations of the overtly supernatural and miraculous gifts (e.g., tongues, healings, miracles) as "signs" that witness to the validity of those bearing new canonical revelation (c.f. 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3-4). Beyond the foundational era, God in His sovereignty may grant any spiritual gift and work miraculously for the benefit of His Church at any time.

The Bible is clear in its teaching on the sanctity of human life. Life begins at conception. We abhor the destruction of innocent life through abortion-on-demand.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Biola University is a community of Christians committed to the principles of Christian living found in the Bible and holds that these biblical standards are vital to our individual and corporate relationships. Maintaining these standards contributes to the kind of atmosphere in which quality Christian education and spiritual nurture can best occur, and strengthens the testimony of Biola within both Christian and secular communities. In this light, and given the clear biblical imperative for spiritual self-discipline, the University has established these "standards of conduct" to be observed and upheld, by all members of the Biola community.

Consistent with the example and command of Jesus Christ, we believe that life within a Christian community must be lived to the glory of God, with love for God and for our neighbors. Being indwelt by the Holy Spirit, we strive to walk by the Spirit, "crucifying the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:24). To this end, members of the Biola community are not to engage in activities, which Scripture forbids. Such activities include, but are not limited to, dishonesty, thievery, fornication, adultery, homosexual practice, drunkenness and unscriptural divorce. Scripture also condemns other "deeds of the flesh" such as covetousness, jealousy, pride and lust-sins which the maturing Christian should put off, and replace with "fruit of the spirit": love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (e.g., Luke 10:27; Galatians 2:20, 5:14-24; Ephesians 2:3; 1Corinthians 6:9-10).

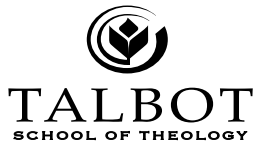
As a Christian educational institution, Biola also recognizes the responsibility of its Board of Trustees, faculty and staff to provide examples of maturing Christian character, conduct and attitude to its students and the community at large. Therefore, as maturing Christians, the entire Biola community will strive for the holiness of God (1 Peter 1:13-19), and love Him with all our heart, soul and mind (Matthew 22:37). In addition, we are called to love our friends and neighbors as God has loved us (Matthew 22:39; 1 John 4:7- 11). We will achieve this calling by walking by the power of the Holy Spirit and avoiding sins clearly forbidden in Scripture (Galatians 5:16-21; 1 Corinthians 6:9- 11; Ephesians 5:1-14). In addition, we will pursue the fruit of the Spirit from our Lord and with one another (Galatians 5:22-24).

When the Bible is not clear regarding a specific behavior, we will be guided by our desire to glorify God in our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20), and will discern if any of our brothers or sisters in Christ would stumble in their faith (1 Corinthians 8; Romans 14). If our Lord is not glorified or another Christian is harmed or offended by our behavior, then we will freely abstain from that activity, both on and off the campus of Biola. We know that many behaviors are lawful, but not all are profitable (1 Corinthians 10:23-33). Therefore, we will constantly be teachable regarding those activities where the Bible is not clear and will evaluate them in light of our pursuit of holiness and love for our Lord and each other.

Students of Biola are expected to refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco in any form, and from gambling. Furthermore, discernment must be exercised in avoiding all activities that may be spiritually or morally harmful. Individual decisions regarding movies, television programs, all forms of electronic media and other activities are expected to reflect this moral commitment. Biola University does not presume to be a censoring agency for all activities; it does, however, expect tangible evidence of maturing Christian convictions and discerning judgment.

In addition, members of the Biola community will observe Sunday as the Lord's Day and give primary attention to worship, rest, Christian fellowship and recreation, and service.

These standards apply to the student while enrolled in any of the schools or programs of the University on and off campus. Biola therefore reserves the right to discipline or dismiss any student who in its judgment, does not conform to these conduct standards or to other expressed principles, policies, programs and expectations of the university governing student conduct.



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LAST NAME OF APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT) FIRST MIDDLE OR MAIDEN

ADDRESS

E-mail Phone

Plan to enter Biola University: Summer/Fall or Interterm/Spring Year _____ Specialty Track: _____

NOTE: This form is to be filled out by someone who is not a member of your immediate family

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How well do you know the applicant? _____

Does the applicant's speech and conduct consistently exhibit his/her Christian beliefs? _____

How is the applicant regarded by his/her friends, co-workers and the community? _____

Do you believe the applicant will have sufficient time to devote to a D.Min. program? _____ Please comment (if applicable) _____

What do you consider to be his/her strengths of personality and talents? _____

What do you consider to be his/her areas where personality development is needed? _____

Does the applicant have any doctrinal views which are overemphasized _____ If yes, comment _____

Has his/her ministry been characterized by success or failure? _____

Does the applicant work harmoniously with others? _____

Describe the applicant's attitude toward authority and responsiveness toward instruction? _____

What degree of success do you predict for the applicant in the Doctor of Ministry program?

- Unusual High Average Mediocre

(OVER)

It will help the Office of Graduate Admissions to more accurately appraise the applicant if you will comment on the following items. Please omit those about which you have insufficient knowledge to form an opinion.

Christian
Testimony

Relationships:
Emotional make-up and behavior

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Industry, Initiative, Cooperation

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Other remarks

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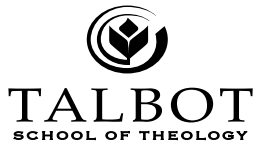
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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT (CURRENT MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT)

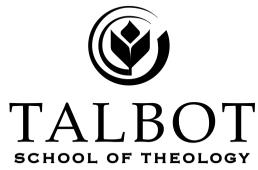
Talbot would like to know that the applicant has approval from the members of the applicant's current ministry assignment for the applicant's proposed Doctor of Ministry studies. Please tell us if you understand the time commitment involved for the applicant in this course of study and indicate whether the members of the applicant's current ministry assignment generally approve and support such studies. Also, indicate any ways you think your organization might benefit from the applicant's Doctor of Ministry education.

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SPOUSE'S STATEMENT (FOR MARRIED STUDENTS)

Though you are not the applicant and not as directly involved as your spouse in making application for graduate study at Talbot, Talbot would like to have a statement from you as to how you personally see the years ahead. Experience indicates that the time involved in graduate study often puts financial and emotional strain on a student's marriage and family. How do you view your spouse's plans and your involvement in them? What is your commitment to what may involve five or more years of study for your spouse? How will this commitment affect your own career goals? Feel free to express your feelings in whatever way you wish. Talbot will not use your statement as the only factor in your spouse's acceptance or non-acceptance at Talbot. Feel free to use additional sheets if needed.

Spouse's Name _____ Applicant's Name _____

Spouse's Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

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