

The Theology and Ministry Scholarship

The Opportunity: LeTourneau University is a unique place to study Theology and Ministry—for at least two reasons. First, we have world-class teacher-scholars who are making significant contributions in their areas of expertise with their research and writing. But these top-notch scholars are also actively engaged in ministry, bring cross-cultural experience, love for the church, and are invested in the spiritual formation of their students. At LETU, your head and your heart will be transformed. And because our interdenominational team of professors are international leaders in their academic fields, and have years of ministry experience, they will expose you to the best treasures of Christian thinking and practice throughout the ages.

Second, you get to study theology and ministry at a Christian Polytechnic University, where questions of faith, science, and the pervasive influence of technology are examined from a variety of vantage points. *Why is this an advantage*? Because churches are looking for pastors who understand the technological age we live in and how to faithfully lead people as they navigate the challenges of our rapidly changing world; because one of the most important tasks of theological education and pastoral ministry in our technological age is to help the church think through the ever-increasing and complex questions generated from biotechnology and Artificial Intelligence; because the church needs pastors who are able to think *Christianly* (biblically and theologically) about *everyday* applications of technology in order to help Christians grow spiritually and impact their communities. If technology is the issue of our day (and it is), why not study Scripture, theology and Christian ministry in a context in which technology is central to the educational experience?

Award: Each year the School of Theology and Vocation will award five scholarships of \$5000 per year to five outstanding first-time Theology and Ministry students. The Theology and Ministry Scholarship is stackable with all other scholarships except the Heritage Scholarship, the Honors College Scholarship, and the Guild scholarship.

Application Process: The School of Theology will begin receiving applications by **October 15** of the year before anticipated enrollment at LETU. Decisions will be made on **January 15**. For consideration, applicants must send the following materials to the dean of the School of Theology and Vocation, Dr. Kelly Liebengood (kellyliebengood@letu.edu):

- 1. A letter of interest that states (1) why you want to study Theology or Ministry, (2) what ministry or teaching experience you have, (3) what plans you have after your graduate, and (4) why you would like to study Theology/Ministry at LETU.
- 2. A letter of recommendation from a pastor or elder.

Send both documents as one PDF. Include your full name, email address, and telephone number. Finalists will be contacted via email to schedule a video interview.

Requirements: To receive and maintain the Theology and Ministry the recipient must:

- 1. Major in Theology or Ministry for the duration of your studies at LETU (residential students only).
- 2. Live on campus.
- 3. Be engaged in a local ministry each semester (whether on campus or in a local church).
- 4. Participate in the Scripture and Theology Seminar three times a semester.
- 5. Belong to the Theology and Ministry Life Group for at least four semesters.
- 6. Maintain a 2.5 GPA.

If you have any questions about the Theology and Ministry Scholarship, please contact the dean of the School of Theology and Vocation, Dr. Kelly Liebengood (<u>kellyliebengood@letu.edu</u>).