



Master of Arts/Master of Divinity
International Student Scholarship & Financial Information
Graduate School of Theology and Ministry
2013-2014

Cost of Education

International students applying to the Graduate School of Theology and Ministry are required by the Department of Homeland Security to document sufficient financial resources to meet the educational and living expenses while in the US. Applicants are required to submit financial documentation that equals or exceeds one full year of expense, which is \$23,962 for a seminary program. If you plan to bring any dependents, please increase the total guarantee amount with the appropriate spouse/child amounts indicated by the * below. The Financial Guarantee Form should be completed by you, and, if needed, by your sponsor(s) and accompanied by bank verification. A sponsor may be a family member, a friend, an organization, a church, etc. A Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) will be issued when the financial documentation is approved by the ORU International Student Coordinator and the applicant has been admitted into the seminary program.

Estimated Budget

The following 2013-2014 estimated budget for the Graduate School of Theology and Ministry is based on 18 credit hours for the academic year. **The number of credits necessary and highly recommended is 12-15 credit hours per semester**, although full-time status is 9 credit hours, for a student to complete the graduate theology program within the duration approved by the seminary accrediting agency (MDiv, 3-years; MA programs, 2-years).

Tuition	\$9,198
Fees	812
Books	<u>1,260</u>
Total Direct Cost	\$11,270
Room & Board	9,296
Travel	1,786
Insurance & Miscellaneous	<u>1,680</u>
Total Indirect Cost	\$12,762
Total Cost	\$24,032

*Add \$6,000 per spouse-dependent and/or \$4,000 per child-dependent

Full time students are required to have health insurance

Tuition and fees subject to change every academic year

Full-time status is 9 credit hours per semester and the minimum required for international students to maintain F-1 visa status.

The above budget is an estimate only and does not include expenses such as health insurance, car repairs, dental needs or other unplanned expenses. Students should accordingly come financially prepared. On campus, part-time work study (less than 20 hours per week) is available to graduate international students. Interested students may apply for an on-campus position during fall registration.

Scholarships and Grants

Awards are granted by the Graduate School of Theology and Ministry to graduate students pursuing a Masters degree who are enrolled full-time (9 credit hours or more) in courses on campus and maintain an ORU cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above. Awarding is on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to availability of funds. The application deadline to apply for the following awards is May 15, 2013, for the fall semester, and December 1, 2013, for the spring semester. Scholarships and grants awarded on an annual basis require a new application each academic year.

Academic Scholarships

Academic scholarships are based on a cumulative undergraduate GPA and/or a graduate GPA after one semester of study. The minimum GPA requirement for an academic scholarship is 3.50. Returning students must complete an Academic Scholarship application after January 1st of each year for the fall semester. The award amounts are as follows:

GPA	Scholarship award per year
4.00	\$1,700
3.90	\$1,500
3.80	\$1,300
3.70	\$1,100
3.60	\$900
3.50	\$700



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Retention Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to recent undergraduate ORU alumni who begin the graduate program the semester after completing their Bachelors degree. The total amount of this scholarship is \$1500 for the student's first year of study.

Graduate Theology International Grant

This grant is awarded through an application process to qualifying international students who hold an F-1 visa. The total amount of this grant is up to \$1,000 per academic year for up to three years, or a maximum of six semesters.

New Student Scholarships and Grants

New student awards are granted to qualifying graduate theology students who are enrolled full-time (9 credit hours or more) in courses on-campus and maintain an ORU cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above. The deadline to apply for the following awards is May 15, 2013, for the fall semester, and December 1, 2013, for the spring semester. These awards may be combined with the scholarships and grants listed on the reverse side unless otherwise indicated.

- **Graduate Theology Weekend Scholarships** – This award is offered to the first ten students who attend Graduate Theology Weekend, complete the admissions process, and are fully accepted. The award is a one time amount of \$500 for the first semester of enrollment. This award may not be combined with the Retention Scholarship.
- **Graduate Theology Children of Alumni Scholarship** – This scholarship is awarded to alumni who do not qualify for the Retention Scholarship or whose parent(s) are ORU graduate(s). The total amount of this scholarship is \$500 per academic year for up to three years, or a maximum of six semesters.
- **Chaplain Candidacy Scholarship** – This grant is awarded to Graduate Theology Master of Divinity students (or those working toward MDiv equivalency) who are active members of the United States Armed Services and are Chaplains or pursuing Chaplain Candidacy within that branch of the service. The total amount of this grant is up to \$2,500 per academic year for no more than three years or six semesters. Application must be made each academic year and approved by the Dean. This Scholarship may not be combined with the Retention Scholarship, Need-Based Scholarship, or Modular Grants.

Employment/Graduate Assistantships

There are two types of Assistantships: Graduate and Teaching. Graduate Assistantships are available during the first and subsequent years of study for clerical positions and are currently paid at a rate of \$8.25 per hour. A limited number of Teaching Assistantships are offered to students who have completed one year of study. These positions are highly competitive and are determined on the basis of cumulative GPA after two semesters (24 credit hours) of Graduate Theology course work, the submission of two references from professors in the Graduate Theology department, and full-time (9 credit hours or more) enrollment in courses on-campus. Graduate Teaching Assistants are responsible for leading discussion groups for general education Bible and theology courses offered in the Undergraduate Department of Theology and are currently paid at a rate of \$8.30* per hour. Graduate and Teaching Assistantships do not qualify students for employee tuition benefits. Please contact the Graduate School of Theology and Ministry for additional information.

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