



SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS & ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate School of Theology and Missions

2010-2011

Awards are granted by the Graduate School of Theology and Missions through an application process to qualifying graduate theology students pursuing a Masters degree. To qualify, students must be enrolled full-time (12 credit hours or more) in courses on-campus and maintain an ORU cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above⁺. **All awards are granted on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to availability of funds.** The deadline to apply for the following awards is July 15, 2010, for the fall semester and December 1, 2010, for the spring semester⁺. Applications for each scholarship/grant are available online at www.gradtheology.oru.edu. Scholarships and grants that are awarded on an annual basis require a new application each academic year.

Academic Scholarships

Academic scholarships are awarded based on cumulative undergraduate GPA and/or graduate GPA after one semester of study. The minimum GPA requirement for an academic scholarship is 3.5. Returning students must complete an Academic Scholarship application after January 1st of each year for the fall semester. The award amount is 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

Need-Based Grant

This award is based on need as determined by the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A separate Need-Based Grant application must be filed with the ORU Financial Aid Office who will then submit your request to the School of Theology and Missions for review. Need-based grant applications will be sent to newly accepted students taking courses on-campus as part of their acceptance packet. This award is up to \$800 per year for those who qualify. This grant may not be combined with the Modular Grant or Retention Scholarship as described below.

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. This scholarship may not be combined with the Need-Based Grant as described above.

Modular Grant

This grant is awarded to modular students who are enrolled in a minimum of 9.0 credit hours with at least one on-campus course in one semester. The student must not have incomplete coursework at the time of application. The total amount of this grant is \$400 per semester. A separate Modular Grant application must be submitted to the Director of the Modular program each semester. The deadline to apply for this grant is July 15, 2010, for the fall semester or December 1, 2010, for the spring semester.

⁺ Unless otherwise indicated

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New Student Scholarships and Grants

New student awards are granted to qualifying students by the Graduate School of Theology and Missions through an application process to qualifying graduate theology students pursuing a Masters degree. To qualify, students must be enrolled full-time (12 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 July 15, 2010, for the fall semester and December 1, 2010, for the spring semester⁺. Applications for each scholarship/grant are available online at www.gradtheology.oru.edu. These awards may be combined with the scholarships and grants listed on the reverse side⁺.

- **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 be combined with the Need-Based Grant but may not be combined with the Retention Scholarship.
- **Graduate Theology 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.
- **Graduate Theology Church Matching Grant** – This grant is awarded to students who are receiving a church contribution paid directly to the university towards that student's tuition. ORU School of Theology and Missions will match the contribution up to \$1,000 per year for up to three years, or a maximum of six semesters.
- **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.
- **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.

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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 (12 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 School of Theology and Missions for additional information.

^{*}Subject to change