

Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion Research Travel Scholarships

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The Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion (CCSR) is a consortium of learned societies and institute: the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, the Canadian Theological Society, the Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion, the Société canadienne de théologie and the Association catholique des études bibliques au Canada.

The primary purpose of the CCSR is to support the publication of scholarly research in the field of Religious Studies. The Corporation has published the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* since 1971. It also publishes three book series: *Matière à Pensée* (Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal), *Studies in Christianity*, and *Judaism and Advancing Studies in Religion* (McGill-Queen's University Press).

The CCSR Research Travel Scholarships

The CCSR established a scholarships program in 2010 to mark the fortieth anniversary of its incorporation. The purpose of the scholarships is to enable advanced doctoral students and unemployed or underemployed graduates in the field of Religious Studies to travel to conduct research that will contribute to their active research project and assist in building their research portfolio (e.g., travel to archives, libraries, research centres, locations for field work).

CCSR has allocated a maximum amount of \$7,500 CAN to be distributed among the successful applicants, according to the decision of the Travel Bursary Committee of the CCSR. Recipients of Research Travel Scholarships and the respective award amounts will be announced at the annual Board meeting in January.

The scholarships are open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada and students on a study permit studying in Canada. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be a member of one of the constituent societies of the CCSR and either:

- a) enrolled in a doctoral program and be studying an aspect of religious studies or theology, has successfully completed the comprehensive or major/minor field examinations and their thesis proposal has been approved by their department or doctoral committee
- b) has completed an earned PhD in the field of religious studies or theology and has no academic post, or only a course-by-course sessional contract.

To apply for the scholarship, applicants must submit the following as one single PDF file:

- description of the proposed travel, explaining its importance and contribution to the field (no more than two double-spaced pages); note that scholarship recipients must complete their travel by December 31, 2021
- detailed budget for the proposed travel (including air transport, ground transport, accommodation, per diem for meals and incidental expenses); list the amounts requested or obtained from other sources and indicate the amount of support requested from the CCSR;
- transcripts of the applicant's master's and doctoral programs;
- curriculum vitae.

Send to:

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In addition, a confidential letter of support must be sent directly to the President of the CCSR at the email address above from either:

- a) the applicant's doctoral supervisor, including attestation that the applicant has successfully completed the comprehensive or major/minor field examinations and the applicant's thesis proposal has been accepted by the department or committee
- b) a senior faculty member familiar with the applicant's research, including attestation that the applicant has no academic post or has only a course-by-course sessional contract.

The deadline for applications for the **2021 competition is November 15, 2020.**

Adjudication Procedure

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by a committee of the Board of the CCSR consisting of the President, the Secretary, and at least one other member of the Board. The committee will rank the applications on the basis of:

- description of the proposed travel (outcomes, importance to field, feasibility): 25%;
- ability to complete the proposed project (transcripts, curriculum vitae): 25%;
- detailed budget for the proposed travel (relevance to the applicant's research at this stage, comprehensiveness and detail in budget): 25%;
- letter of support: 25%

The committee will submit the names of the highest ranking applications to the CCSR Board together with a brief explanation of the reasons for the ranking and a recommendation in regard to the funding amount for each. The Board will make the final decision in regard to recipients and amount awarded to each recipient at its annual meeting in January 2021.

The results of the competition will be announced by February 15th, 2021.

Funds will be paid out upon submission of travel expense claims in accordance with the financial policies and procedures of the CCSR; expenses will need to have occurred in the year 2021.