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# Professional Doctorate (DProf) in Practical Theology



The **Cambridge Theological Federation** is delighted to continue their partnership with The **Divinity School of Chung Chi College** in the **Chinese University of Hong Kong**, offering the Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology to candidates in Hong Kong.

The Cambridge Theological Federation brings together the teaching and learning of eleven institutions through which people of different churches, including Anglican, Methodist, Orthodox, Reformed and Roman Catholic, train for various forms of Christian ministry and service.

Full Members: Eastern Region Ministry Course / Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies / Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology / Ridley Hall / Wesley House / Westcott House / Westminster College

Associate Members: Woolf Institute / Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide

### **What is the Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology?**

The Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology is the first programme of its kind. Launched in 2006 in the UK, it is offered by Anglia Ruskin University with the Cambridge Theological Federation (CTF), the University of Aberdeen, the University of Birmingham, the University of Chester and the University of Glasgow. Currently there are seven students of Chung Chi College on the programme.

The Faculty of Arts, Law and Social Sciences (ALSS) at Anglia Ruskin University sees this Professional Doctorate as an important part of its postgraduate research provision. There is an excellent relationship between ALSS and the Cambridge Theological Federation.

- The Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology is a practice-based research degree aimed at participants in a variety of professional and/or voluntary contexts.
- It is particularly designed to be taken on a part-time basis
- Candidates will be encouraged to use their professional, voluntary or ministerial practice as the foundation of a structured process of research in practical theology.

- Candidates will be supported throughout by a regular series of supervisions, seminars and workshops. All seminars which take place in Cambridge can be accessed on-line by candidates in Hong Kong. Supervision is with both a local supervisor and a supervisor in Cambridge with whom regular Skype supervisions will be arranged.
- The Professional Doctorate is assessed by means of a portfolio of work, including a context and literature review, research proposal, and dissertation.
- The Professional Doctorate is a research degree throughout, and does not involve any taught modules.

The programme is therefore designed to introduce you to a range of dynamic and challenging concepts and methods with which to reflect critically and constructively on your current experience and context.

Two approaches in particular will be used: firstly, practice-based research and enquiry-based learning methods, in which participants' own professional context becomes a primary research resource.

Secondly, you will be encouraged to keep a research log, or learning journal. This may take the form of a diary, or portfolio or other personal record, and is designed to encourage you to keep a record of your reading and research, cultivate your writing skills and integrate your theoretical work with sustained reflection on your own practical context.

### **Visiting the UK**

As part of DSCCC you will have access to local supervisors and teachers in Hong Kong, but candidates will normally be expected to spend two weeks of



July in the UK each year; one week in Cambridge attending research training at Anglia Ruskin University and one attending the national Professional Doctorate Summer School.

In addition, students may opt to spend up to three months in the UK staying in one of the member colleges of the Federation and enjoying the benefits of living as part of the college community.

Whilst in Cambridge you will have access to:

- the Federation Libraries, including **The Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide Library**, which provides over 8000 books on mission and World Christianity and 35 current journals covering theology of mission, cultural studies, and history from all areas of the world. It also has a valuable collection of archives. There are resources on Christianity in Asia, including China and Hong Kong. DProf students are welcome to use the library. For more information please see <http://www.martynmission.cam.ac.uk/pages/library.php>
- Anglia Ruskin University's Library
- Worship as part of the Federation Community
- Various college social and education activities

For examples of the accommodation available in the member colleges in the Cambridge Theological Federation please see below:

### **Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology**

Lady Margaret House is situated on the western side of the city of Cambridge, 10 minutes' walk from the Divinity Faculty and the University Library, and 15 minutes' walk from the city centre. For further information please visit:

<http://www.margaretbeaufort.cam.ac.uk/students/student-life/accommodation-and-facilities/>

### **Westcott House**

Westcott House offers guests a chance to sample a taste of traditional collegial living. The central location makes it an ideal base for guests to explore the delights of Cambridge with the benefit of accommodation in a peaceful and idyllic college setting. <http://www.westcott.cam.ac.uk/about/>

### **Westminster College**

With its grand 'Arts and crafts' architecture, extensive grounds, car parking and proximity to the centre of Cambridge, Westminster College is just a few minutes walk away from the tree-lined Backs with some of the oldest and most magnificent colleges in the world. The main shopping streets of Cambridge are only ten minutes' walk away. See further <http://www.westminster.cam.ac.uk/>

## **Wesley House**

Wesley House is located in the heart of the city of Cambridge and all residential students and visiting scholars live on the Jesus Lane site. Accommodation is self-catering. Because of its central location shops, banks, cafes, theatres, cinemas and other amenities are all on the doorstep.

<http://www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/>

## **Ridley Hall**

Ridley Hall is wonderfully situated close to the heart of Cambridge, about seven minutes' walk from King's College. The library facilities of the College are available to residents, as are those of Tyndale House, the University of Cambridge, and the other theological houses in the city - all of which are within walking distance. Ridley Hall will also offer accommodation and the opportunity to take part in the life of the community. <http://www.ridley.cam.ac.uk/>

To discuss your needs and to book accommodation please contact Dr Zoë Bennett [zb200@cam.ac.uk](mailto:zb200@cam.ac.uk). Please do not contact the individual college directly.

### **Is this programme for me?**

- The programme is designed to appeal to those interested in relating theological, ethical and spiritual insights and methods to their own professional and/or voluntary practice.
- Candidates are not required to have a personal faith-commitment but they should be interested in the role of religion, theology and ethics in relation to a range of contexts ranging from social policy, management, politics, health care, community work, congregational ministry and institutional chaplaincy.
- In order to satisfy the entry requirements, candidates will normally need to hold a B.D or M. Div in theology or related subject, plus appropriate professional accreditation or experience.
- Candidates will need to have ready access to and facility with e-mail and internet communication.
- Candidates will be required to give evidence of the ability to work well with others in a group context.

## Fees

- Your academic fee – currently £5,880 per annum - to Anglia Ruskin University
- Your fee of HK\$21,050 to DSCCC per 3 years (Subject to change)
- Cost of travel to the UK
- Cost of UK residence

## How do I apply?

For further information on the Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology and Cambridge Theological Federation, including information on staff, member Colleges and an Application Form, please visit:

[http://www.theofed.cam.ac.uk/?page\\_id=5350](http://www.theofed.cam.ac.uk/?page_id=5350)

You need to apply first to DSCCC – the next entry point is September 2015.  
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