

## Application for Admission

**Semester and year for which you are seeking admission:**

Fall 20 \_\_\_\_\_  January Intersession 20 \_\_\_\_\_  Spring 20 \_\_\_\_\_  Summer Session 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Priority deadlines: February 1 for Summer and Fall; October 1 for January and Spring

**Legal name** (last/first/middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name \_\_\_\_\_

Former name(s) that may appear on your records \_\_\_\_\_

**Current address** (street) \_\_\_\_\_ Effective until \_\_\_\_\_

City/state or province/country/zip or postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone  h  c  w \_\_\_\_\_  h  c  w \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (required) \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent address if different** (street) \_\_\_\_\_

City/state or province/country/zip or postal code \_\_\_\_\_

**Family member or someone who can always contact you** \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**To which program(s) are you applying?**

- Doctor of Ministry (DMin)
- Master of Arts in Social Transformation (MAST)
- Master of Divinity (MDiv)
- Master of Theological Studies (MTS)
- Certificate of Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS)
- Certificate of Sexuality and Religion (CSR)
- Certificate of Special Studies (CSS)
- Certificate of Spirituality and Social Change (CSSC)
- Certificate of Theological Studies (CTS)

I am also applying to the Graduate Theological Union Common Master of Arts program with PSR as my school of affiliation.

I am transferring from another seminary or school. Seminary/school: \_\_\_\_\_  
(All transfer students are advised to submit a transfer petition available at [www.psr.edu/transferring-credits](http://www.psr.edu/transferring-credits).)

I do not live in the San Francisco Bay Area and intend to enroll as a distance student using Flexible Learning options.

Have you ever applied for admission to PSR?  No  Yes (date and program) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been denied admission to a seminary or graduate theological school?  
 No  Yes (school/seminary) \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons, if known \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony?**  No  Yes (If yes, explain on a separate page or pages.)

The following information has no bearing on admission decisions. Information is required unless otherwise noted.

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (optional)\* \_\_\_\_\_ Racial/ethnic identity (optional)\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Used for demographic purposes.

### International Students/Non-US Citizens

Country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Country of current residence (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are currently living in the US, what type of visa do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date? (Month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a permanent resident of the US?  Yes  No

Are you transferring your visa from another US institution?  Yes  No Name of institution \_\_\_\_\_

List any family members who will accompany you to PSR if admitted.

Name	Relationship	Age
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### FAITH COMMUNITY, CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP, OR OTHER RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION (if any)

Name of congregation, institution, or organization \_\_\_\_\_

City/state or province/country \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a member of or affiliated with this congregation, institution, or organization? \_\_\_\_\_

List leadership positions you have had within this congregation, institution, or organization (attach additional sheet if necessary):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current denomination or national body \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in the ordination process? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you an ordained/licensed minister? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of ordination/licensure \_\_\_\_\_ Years in ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination/tradition/authorized body in which ordained or in process \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC RECORDS

Official transcripts are required from each of the colleges, universities, seminaries, and professional schools you have attended whether or not a degree was awarded. List these below in reverse chronological order, with the most recent listed first.

Institution	Dates attended	Major(s)	Degrees	Date awarded or expected	GPA
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

If your scholastic record is not a fair indication of your ability, please attach a statement describing why.

List academic honors, awards, or scholarships you have received, or leadership positions you have held in academic settings (attach additional sheet if necessary).

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**LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

You are required to provide three typed letters of reference and reference forms. At least one reference should be from a faculty member or instructor who can evaluate your academic ability. For those who are members of a faith community, at least one reference should be from a pastor or religious leader who can evaluate your leadership ability. For DMin applicants, references should include 1) professor or faculty member, 2) professional supervisor (direct supervisor, denominational/judiciary executive, etc.), and 3) professional colleague (someone with whom you have worked professionally). Be sure to consider whether you wish to waive your right to read the letters, and indicate this on each reference form.

Please supply the names and contact information of your referrers. Send one reference form to each referrer. Reference forms are available at <http://www.psr.edu/download-psr-application-or-reference-form>.

1. Name/title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name/title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name/title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**HOUSING**

PSR housing is limited and cannot be guaranteed. We strongly encourage applicants to meet the priority deadlines. Priority is given to students enrolled full time.

Do you intend to apply for housing?  Yes  No

Number of adults (including yourself) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL AID**

Do you intend to apply for financial aid?  Yes (If yes, you must submit a financial aid application and FAFSA scores.)  No

**IMPORTANT:** To be considered for financial aid, U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens must submit *both* the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** and the **Domestic Student Financial Aid Application**. International students must submit an **International Student Financial Aid Application**. We strongly recommend submitting these by the February 1 priority deadline for fall semester admission or by the October 1 priority deadline for spring semester admission. Financial aid may be limited for students submitting applications after these priority deadlines. Visit [www.psr.edu/financial-aid](http://www.psr.edu/financial-aid) for financial aid eligibility and additional information.

**HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT PSR?** (check all that apply)

- PSR web site                       Chaplain/campus minister                       PSR student                       Social media: \_\_\_\_\_
- Pastor/religious leader                       Current school/professor                       Friend/aquaintance                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- PSR alumna/us                       PSR faculty or staff                       Print material                      \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person/institution selected above: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all other schools to which you have applied or are planning to apply: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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## PERSONAL STATEMENT FOR APPLICATION

Answer the following questions for your particular program in a maximum of six typed, double-spaced pages. Include your name and the date on each page.

### All programs (except DMin and CAPS)

1. What are your vocational and professional goals? How will this program support these goals?
2. What and who have been the formative faith and life influences that led you to pursue these goals?
3. How have your faith, life, and worldview been affected by the pluralistic nature of today's world (e.g., class, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, etc.)?
4. Select what you understand to be one of today's most critical issues and reflect on it in terms of your own theological perspective.
5. Describe your leadership experience and the particular strengths and talents you bring to this role. How does your understanding of spirituality inform your understanding of yourself as a transformative leader?
6. How will serious graduate academic study support your preparation for ministry and/or leadership?
7. PSR describes itself as "progressive and diverse, welcoming and engaged, focused on academic excellence and justice with compassion." How will PSR's commitments help you in your scholarship or preparation for ministry and/or leadership? What is your reason for applying to PSR in particular?

### DMin and CAPS only

Proposed area of study: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe your community of faith and your leadership within that community.
2. Identify the most critical issues facing your community of faith.
3. Describe how participation in PSR's DMin or CAPS program can assist you in addressing the critical issues you have identified. What are the academic resources at PSR that would be most helpful to you, and how would you engage with these resources?

### Additional questions for DMin applicants only

4. Describe the focus of your proposed research project. Which of the critical issues in ministry (identified in your answer to question 2 above) will you explore, and how will you explore it? What are the theological questions and/or scriptural themes that emerge from the critical issue you have identified? How do you understand ministry in your context as it relates to the social, historical, and/or cultural aspects of your community?
5. How do you envision your DMin project to a) contribute to the understanding and practice of ministry, b) aid ministers in integrating theological thinking with the practice of ministry, and c) make use of the expertise in the theological disciplines and practice of ministry you have already developed?
6. Attach a curriculum vitae (resumé) that lists:
  - a. Your present and past professional positions (including the names of the employing churches or organizations, with dates and locations) in reverse chronological order
  - b. Your present and past denominational/judicatory responsibilities or other leadership positions you have held in your church or other organizations
  - c. Continuing education (including name of institution, dates, course(s), or activities)
  - d. Present and past community activities

*I understand that all materials submitted in conjunction with my application are the property of Pacific School of Religion and will not be returned. I understand that my application materials will be kept on file for one year, after which time all materials will be purged. I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete. I understand that inaccurate or misleading information will be cause for disqualification from further consideration for admission or for further action at the discretion of Pacific School of Religion. I also understand that other relevant information, obtained from sources outside of this application, could be reason to terminate the application process or revoke my admission or enrollment once accepted. I understand that PSR, as a member of the Graduate Theological Union, reserves the right to obtain and share applicant and student information with other GTU schools.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pacific School of Religion affirms its commitment to equality of opportunity for all individuals. This commitment requires that no discrimination shall occur regarding admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, any program or activity in the seminary on the basis of age, race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, citizenship, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, medical condition, religion, or marital status. PSR prohibits and will not tolerate discrimination, including harassment, intimidation, and violence, on the basis of age, race, color, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, citizenship, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, medical condition, religion, marital status, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law in the administration of PSR's programs and activities. This policy is in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.