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Professional Doctorate (DProf) in Practical Theology

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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: Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies / Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology / Ridley Hall / Wesley House / Westcott House / Westfield House / Westminster College

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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 ten 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 the University 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 involves two introductory taught modules at level 7 - *Advanced Professional Practice: Practical Theology* and *Advanced Research Methods in Practical Theology*. These are available as Distance Learning modules, supported by seminars in DSCCC.
- This is followed by the writing of a 60,000 word doctoral (level 8) thesis, which is examined with a viva in the UK.

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. Candidates will also 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.cccw.cam.ac.uk/library/>
- Anglia Ruskin University's Library
- Worship as part of the Federation Community
- Various college social and education activities

Studying in Hong Kong

The majority of your study will be conducted in Hong Kong, at DSCCC. You will have a supervisor at DSCCC, access to library facilities, and will be required to attend seminars on a regular basis (normally every two months).

As this is a doctoral degree you will be working independently as a researcher, with guidance from supervisors and from the training and peer support supplied through supervision and seminars.

You will have access while in Hong Kong to on-line resources through both the Cambridge Theological Federation and Anglia Ruskin University libraries, and to the virtual learning platform of the Cambridge Theological Federation.

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 to the programme through DSCCC, candidates will normally need to hold a B.D or M. Div in theology or related subject, plus appropriate professional accreditation or experience (see below for the University's entry requirements).
- 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 £6,500 per annum to Anglia Ruskin University (this is the fee for 2019-20; the fee increases slightly year on year).
- Your fee of HK\$21,050 to DSCCC (Subject to change)
- Cost of travel to the UK
- Cost of UK residence

Entry requirements

An applicant seeking entry to the Professional Doctorate shall normally as a minimum entry requirement:

hold a first or upper second class honours degree of a university or any other institution of higher education in the UK with degree-awarding powers, provided that the degree included training in research and the execution of a research project or dissertation; OR

- a qualification which is regarded by Anglia Ruskin University as equivalent to a first or upper second class honours degree;

AND

have appropriate professional experience.

AND

must be able to access resources for their research, through the use of, for example, broadband to access our University Library, our virtual learning environment and online research skills courses.

English Language Competence

Where English is not an applicant's first language, an applicant must demonstrate evidence of English language ability to the following (or equivalent) minimum level of proficiency: An IELTS score of 6.5 or A TOEFL score of 600 and have achieved a minimum of English Language competence equivalent to at least IELTS 5.5 across all four disciplines – writing, reading, speaking and listening.

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/postgraduate/professional-doctorate/>

You need to apply first to DSCCC date by May 17, 2019 – the next entry point is September 2019.

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This is an exempted course under the Non-local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance. It is a matter of discretion for individual employers to recognize any qualification to which this course may lead.