

## Application for a missio München scholarship

missio München is an international aid organisation belonging to the Catholic Church that works together with partners from all over the world, particularly in Africa, Asia and Oceania. It aims to strengthen the local churches in these areas and to provide idealistic and financial support in their missionary work. Its task is to carry out its missionary mandate by promoting interaction with churches worldwide and by raising awareness of missionary work in the local church in Germany. The aim of missio München's scholarship programme is to empower young graduates, after completing academic studies, to take on leadership roles in the social and cultural development of their respective countries, based on social responsibility and commitment to the church.

Having studied to a high level, the scholarship holders will be a valuable asset to their respective local churches when they return to their home countries and engage in social and development work in associations and educational institutions. On the basis of Christian values, they will contribute to bringing together people of different ethnic, religious and interest groups, as well as promoting justice, reconciliation and peace-building; they can also make important contributions to developing civil society and strengthening democracy. In this way, they can help to change the living conditions in their home countries and, above all, assist the pastoral work of the local church, which aims to provide a holistic response to the needs of believers. By means of social projects, they can also make an impact on society beyond the boundaries of their own religious community.

The knowledge gained through the studies may also be shared with and presented to the German partners affiliated with missio München to raise awareness for the conditions in the graduate's home country and promote knowledge exchange on different levels.

This scholarship programme will provide financial support to young people studying for a graduate-level degree (bachelor's degree) or at postgraduate level (master's degree or doctorate).

**All applied study disciplines e.g. engineering, business administration etc. (Please note that studies in Theology cannot be supported; for this discipline there are other sources of funding available).**

**The funding programme supports people who are active in the Catholic Church and who are younger than 25 (graduate degree) or 35 (postgraduate degree), primarily from missio München's partner countries in Africa, Asia and Oceania.**

## 1. Personal details of the candidate

→ Please attach your curriculum vitae.

Name

Current address

Diocese | congregation

Date and place of birth

Marital status | church status

Church affiliation

Active church involvement

Nationality

## 2. Academic and professional qualifications

→ An agreement of mutual commitment between the candidate and the local church, or the candidate's superior, about duties and responsibilities following further studies, needs to be attached.

→ A pre-condition for a scholarship is that the candidate will work in the local church for at least five years after their studies.

Universities or colleges attended to date, including subjects studied (Please attach graduation certificates)

Qualifications obtained (please attach certificates)

Knowledge of English language

## 3. Selection of the academic programme and/or training institution

→ Before submitting the application, please contact the university of your choice and check whether you meet their requirements.

Field of applied study

Place of study

Planned period | standard period of study

Time plan for study project (Master's) resp. a short exposé and a timetable for the research project (doctoral studies)

#### 4. Motivation letter (200 to 700 words)

The selection of the programme and institution or university should be based on the future tasks of the candidate, and their qualifications and experiences. Please explain the reasons for the choice made by you and your reference, please cover:

- Which previous experience do you have?
- Why do you want to complement your education with further studies?
- How do you envision using your additional qualification in your community?

#### 5. Financial Planning (in local currency)

Incomes (monthly)		Expenses (monthly)	
<b>Total</b>			
<b>Balance requested from missio München</b>			

#### 6. Signature

#### Attachments

- Motivation letter
- CV
- Copies of certificates
- Statement of incomes and planned expenses
- Copy of university's admission certificate
- Bishop's recommendation
  - \_ Brief presentation of the local church
  - \_ **Perspective and future responsibility** of the candidate (200 to 500 words)
  - \_ In which way will he/she be involved?

The complete application should be sent in pdf format to [proj@missio.de](mailto:proj@missio.de)