



PLACEMENT PROVIDER PROFILE: CHURCH/ORGANISATION

DATE:

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CHURCH/ORGANISATION/PLACEMENT NAME:

London School of Theology

**IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU ARE FILLING OUT
A PLACEMENT PROFILE?**

No

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DENOMINATION (for churches)

The **MAIN CONTACT** is the person whom we should regularly be in touch with about general placement inquiries. This is often the person who has initiated contact with us.

MAIN CONTACT

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Are you the Lead Pastor, CEO or equivalent?

No

If not, please tell us their name.

Graham Twelftree

The more we know about your organisation and its needs, the more equipped we will be to make an appropriate student match for placement. Our students come from a variety of backgrounds and have different levels of experience but we always do our best to find the right fit. If you have multiple placement opportunities please outline them separately within this form.

Please note, we cannot guarantee a placement student will be allocated to your organisation. If a student is allocated we will contact you with the details of placement.

DESCRIPTION OF CHURCH/ORGANISATION/PLACEMENT PROVIDER'S WORK

1. This placement is intended for level 5 or 6 students who are actively considering and, from the results of their current study, are likely to qualify for undertaking an MA, MTh or PhD.

2. The objective of the placement is to provide a setting in which a student is able to explore and test a calling to pursue research, perhaps involving a PhD, with a view to serving God in the church, the academy or the marketplace.

3. In broad terms the placement involves a mentoring relationship with an academic supervisor centred around mutually agreed tasks and regular, mutually agreed, hour-long meetings to provide information and the opportunity to discuss questions and student activities.

DESCRIPTION OF POSSIBLE PLACEMENT ROLE(S) AND ANY PARTICULAR ATTRIBUTES SOUGHT IN A PLACEMENT STUDENT

The placement roles and activities will revolve around exercises to help prepare the student for understanding and undertaking a PhD. The precise nature of those exercises will be established through discussion and by mutual agreement between the supervisor and the student.

1. The following or similar activities may be included:
 - a. reading and discussions on managing the tension between scholarship and faith;
 - b. a 250-word report on desktop research on personal characteristics, choices and habits that lead to success in any field of research;
 - c. making notes of desktop research on, and discussing with the supervisor, the pleasures and pitfalls in becoming and being an academic;
 - d. reading and discussions on the path to a PhD;
 - e. filing an ethics form required for human involvement in research;
 - f. writing a 250-word report on interviewing a recent PhD graduate on the experience of undertaking a PhD;
 - g. writing a 500-word report of three interviews, one with an early-, another with a mid- and a third with a late-career PhD graduate. One should be of a contracted faculty member the others are to be PhD graduates working outside the academy as, for example a pastor, schoolteacher or librarian;
 - h. writing a 250-word review of book on obtaining a PhD;
 - i. reporting verbally on desktop research on how to write a journal article;
 - j. reporting in note form on desktop research on careers available to PhDs in the theological disciplines;
 - k. engaging in discussions with the supervisor on what is involved in being an academic;
 - l. self-directed learning, aided by YouTube, to develop skills in understanding and using Zotero;
 - m. through using ATLA, JSTOR and NTA, developing an electronic bibliography on Zotero for a piece of research;
 - n. reviewing and annotating a piece of research to learn the basics of peer reviewing in the academy;
 - o. discussions with the supervisor on developing research skills.
2. By mutual agreement read one or more of the following on the nature of Scripture
 - a. James D. G. Dunn, *The Living Word* (London: SCM, 1987), chapter 5, 'Scripture According to Scripture' (pdf is available from the supervisor);
 - b. Dennis Nineham, *The Use and Abuse of Scripture* (London: SPCK, 1976).
 - c. Graham H. Twelftree, 'Is 'Holy Scripture' Christian?: A Lucan Perspective', *Theology*, 116.5 (2013): 351-60 (a pdf is available from the supervisor).
3. Depending on when the placement takes place it is possible that the student could become involved in the process of the publication of a book or article.
4. By mutual agreement choose and read a book on obtaining a PhD.

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT OPTIONS:

LST in person (generally a Tuesday at 10.00am) or online (Teams) at various times as agreed.

SUPERVISOR DETAILS (if different from main contact details)

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What we plan to do with your information

From time to time, we will include relevant information about upcoming LST events and opportunities in our correspondence with our placement partners and more specifically, our supervisors. By ticking yes, you are confirming that you consent to LST contacting you by any of the usual channels (phone, email and post) for these reasons.

GDPR CONSENT

Yes

Thank you so much for taking the time to fill out this form.

The safety and welfare of our students is very important to us. For this reason, we would ask that all documentation be complete before the commencement of placement. Thank you so much for partnering with us.

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