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FINANCIAL AID MENU

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary has long been dedicated to educating and equipping the next generation of pastors and faith leaders with outstanding academic and formative experiences. Our academically rigorous master's, doctoral, and certificate programs provide a pathway to deepen one's faith, expand their theological and ministerial skills, and establish a lifelong commitment to doing God's work.

COMMITMENT TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF PASTORS AND FAITH LEADERS

There is an immense need for practically-trained, theologically-minded leaders in our world. Accordingly, it is our steadfast commitment to ensure that the PTS experience is a possibility for all, regardless of one's economic reality. To do this, we provide extensive financial aid opportunities and individualized support to ensure students can confidently navigate the process and feel prepared to pursue their investment in a seminary education.

PTS FINANCIAL AID PHILOSOPHY

We do not believe that finances should be the key determinant in whether one pursues theological studies. Instead, we help remove financial barriers when and if they arise. We also do not believe that students should be required to take on substantial educational debt in order to pursue their theological education. Therefore, educational loans are a *last* resort for our students.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR AID PROGRAM



Only 24 percent of the 2023-2024 graduating class took out an educational loan at PTS.

At the master's level, 87 percent of our students received financial aid.

50 percent of our master's students receive a living stipend from the Seminary.

At the doctor of ministry level, 60 percent of our students received financial aid.

Eligible doctor of ministry students can receive funds to assist with travel and lodging expenses.

"I had always joked that I would only go to seminary if God paid for it. Thanks to the generous financial aid at PTS, I received a full scholarship—so maybe God did pay for it after all!" - Christin Moreland, MDiv Student



TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

PTS offers a range of need- and merit-based financial aid opportunities for students in the master's, doctoral, and certificate programs, including scholarships, grants, and veterans benefits.

[Explore all available types of financial aid.](#)

GRADUATE ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND OPENINGS

Many qualified, full-time master's seminary students receive a Graduate Assistant award in their financial aid package where they have the opportunity to work part-time in various roles on campus. Students with a Graduate Assistantship must apply to their office of interest after receiving their financial aid package.

[Review all Graduate Assistant job descriptions.](#)

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

[Review how to apply for aid and access the financial aid application.](#)

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is committed to ensuring students understand and are not overwhelmed by the financial aid process. To support students throughout, we have gathered a range of information about important next steps, forms, managing student loans, increasing financial literacy, and FAQs regarding our financial aid policies and requirements.

Financial Aid Forms and Helpful Links

[Financial Literacy](#)

[Debt Management](#)

[Financial Aid FAQs](#)

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees differ based on the program of study. Students should also anticipate the additional costs associated with pursuing their degree program, including textbooks and course materials, fees, and transportation and housing needs.

[Review the tuition and estimated cost of attendance for each PTS program.](#)

COST CALCULATOR

To help you envision your estimated cost of attendance, PTS provides a Cost Calculator where you can begin to individually plan for the associated costs related to tuition, fees, and other important daily expenses.

[Estimate your investment with our Cost Calculator.](#)

LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID AT PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's robust financial aid opportunities reflect our commitment to supporting the investment in tomorrow's faith leaders. We look forward to learning more about you and connecting to assist you throughout the financial aid application and planning process.

[Apply for Aid](#) | [Contact Financial Aid](#) | [Financial Aid FAQs](#)

We look forward to hearing from you!

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