



CORPORATION CANADIENNE DES SCIENCES RELIGIEUSES
CANADIAN CORPORATION FOR STUDIES IN RELIGION

Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion Doctoral Research and Travel Scholarships

[The Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion \(CCSR\)](#) is a consortium of nine learned societies including the Association for Canadian Jewish Studies, the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, the Canadian Society for the Study of Islam and Muslims, the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, the Canadian Theological Society, the Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion, the Société canadienne de théologie and the Association catholique des études bibliques au Canada.

The primary purpose of the CCSR is to support the publication of scholarly research in the field of Religious Studies. Since its inception in 1971, the Corporation has published the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. It also supports the publication of three book series: *Matière à Pensée (Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal)*, *Studies in Christianity and Judaism* and *Advancing Studies in Religion (McGill-Queen's University Press)*.

The CCSR Research and Travel Scholarships

The CCSR established a scholarship program in 2010 to mark the fortieth anniversary of its incorporation. The purpose of the scholarships is to enable advanced doctoral students and unemployed or underemployed graduates in the field of Religious Studies or Theology to conduct research and/or travel to conduct research that will contribute to their active research project and assist in building their research portfolio (e.g., research tools, necessary digital and print materials, research software, travel to archives, libraries, research centres, fieldwork locations). It is not intended for conference travel, travel to work with a particular professor, or for other networking activities.

The CCSR has allocated a total amount of \$7,500 CAN to be distributed among the successful applicants.

The scholarships are open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada and students on a study permit studying in Canada. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be a member of one of the constituent societies of the CCSR and either:

- a) enrolled in a doctoral program and be studying an aspect of religious studies or theology, have successfully completed their comprehensive or major/minor field examinations, and have a thesis proposal that has been approved by their department or doctoral committee;
or
- b) have completed an earned PhD in the field of religious studies or theology, but do not have stable work in the field of their doctoral research.

To apply for the scholarship, please submit the following as one single PDF file:

- A description of the proposed research, explaining its importance and contribution to the field (no more than two double-spaced pages); note that scholarship recipients must complete their travel or purchase their research-related materials by December 8, 2023.
- A detailed budget for the proposed research (costs of proposed materials or research tools, or travel costs such as air and ground transport, accommodation, per diem for meals and incidental expenses); list the amounts requested or obtained from other sources and indicate the amount of support requested from the CCSR to a maximum of \$2,500;
- A *curriculum vitae* (under- and unemployed) or transcripts of the applicant's master's and doctoral programs (students), providing evidence of adequate disciplinary tools: proof of proficiency in field work methods, required languages, etc.
- Proof of membership in one of the CCSR constituent societies

Send to:

Dr. David Koussens, President
Canadian Corporation for the Study of Religion
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In addition, one confidential letter of support must be sent directly to the President of the CCSR at the email address above from either:

- a) the applicant's doctoral supervisor, including attestation that the applicant has successfully completed the comprehensive or major/minor field examinations and that the applicant's thesis proposal has been accepted by the department or committee
or
- b) a senior faculty member familiar with the applicant's research, including attestation that the applicant does not have a permanent academic position.

The deadline for applications for the **2024 competition year is December 6, 2024.**

The Adjudication Process

Applications will be reviewed and ranked by a committee of the Board of the CCSR consisting of three members, including at least one CCSR Executive member and one non-Executive CCSR Board member. The committee will rank the applications on the basis of:

- description of the proposed research travel or research materials (outcomes, importance to field, feasibility): 25%
- ability to complete the proposed research project (transcripts, curriculum vitae): 25%;
- detailed budget (relevance to the applicant's research stage, comprehensiveness and detail in budget): 25%;
- letter of support: 25%.

The committee will make its final decisions prior to its annual board meeting on January 20th, 2024 and publicly announce the results by February 1st, 2025.

Funds will be paid out upon submission of equipment receipts and travel expense claims in accordance with the financial policies and procedures of the CCSR; all expenses need to be incurred in 2025.