



Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion Doctoral Fellowship 2027

[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 was 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). Beginning in 2026, the Corporation is pleased to announce the establishment of a new CCSR Doctoral Fellowship Program in the amount of \$10,000 to support one successful PhD candidate. Our goal is to promote and mentor a doctoral student at the dissertation stage.

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:

- 1) a member of one of the constituent societies of the CCSR and
- 2) enrolled in a doctoral program and 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.

Prior to the conclusion of the 2027 calendar year, the CCSR Doctoral Fellow will give an online research talk to be facilitated and publicized by the Corporation. We also hope that, within six months, and in conjunction with the editors of *Studies in Religion*, this talk will then be prepared for publication consideration with the journal.

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).
- A *curriculum vitae* providing evidence of adequate disciplinary tools: proof of proficiency in field work methods, required languages, etc.
- Transcripts of the applicant's master's and doctoral programs (students)
- And proof of membership in one of the CCSR constituent societies.

In addition, two confidential letters of support must be sent directly to the President of the CCSR at the email address below from:

- 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
and
- b) a faculty member familiar with the applicant's research.

The deadline for applications for the **2027 competition year is Friday, December 4th, 2026.**

Send to:

President
Canadian Corporation for the Study of Religion
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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 (outcomes, importance to the field(s), feasibility): 50%
- ability to complete the proposed research project (transcripts, curriculum vitae): 30%;
- letters of support: 20%.

The committee will make its final decisions prior to its annual executive meeting on Friday, February 5th and publicly announce the results thereafter.