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**MTh or PhD**

**Partial Fee Funding**

**Application Form**

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**MTh/PhD Funding**

**Electronic Application**

Requirements to receive partial fee funding for an MTh or PhD degree

1. **Sense of calling**. The MTh takes 1-2 years and the PhD about 5 years part-time. They are difficult to do and not cheap. It is important that you believe that God has called you to work at such studies.
2. **Subject you want to study.** The Master’s can be taken in a research topic or by a taught course. The PhD is only research based. Because of the commitment involved the specialised area of study needs be something you find attractive.
3. **Support.** Your family, church and Seminary should be supportive of the decision to study. Funding for fees is equally divided between the student, the local church and the Board.
4. **Fill in this application form** and email it to the Board’s clerk, Mr Charles Anderson, before 1 July. Email: dcharlieanderson@gmail.com

**Name**:

**Address**:

**Email**:

**Phone**:

**Church**:

**Previous qualifications at degree level**:

**Previous experience in church ministry**:

**Is this application for a Master’s or Doctorate**?

1. **Questions about what you intend to study**

**What general area of studies do you want to engage with**?

**If Master’s, will it be a Taught Course or by Research Thesis**?

**Do you have a specific topic in mind**?

**Has the Director of Postgraduate Studies at ETS approved your application**?

1. **Questions about the usefulness of the studies**

**How will work in this area benefit your current congregation and or your wider ministry**?

**How could the proposed course of studies enable you to contribute to the training needs of the Free Church of Scotland either locally or through ETS**?

1. **Questions about support for your studies**

**How much time do you anticipate the studies will involve? Give the number of years and typically how many days per week**.

**Do you have the support of your church and family for this level of commitment? Explain how they will cope**.

**How much money will be involved in financing these studies? Give an amount for the main items**.

**The Board awards a grant of up to a third of the fees. Is your Church’s Deacons’ Court prepared to give another third? Can you self-fund the remainder? Do you have other sources of support**?

1. **Lastly, questions about a sense of personal calling**

**Do you have a sense of personal calling to do these studies, or is it more a sense of obligation? Or maybe both**?

**How enthusiastic, or apprehensive do you feel about the proposed studies**?

**Is there anything else you wish to tell us about**?