

**SPECIAL NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS**

***Before completing and submitting your application for admission along with the application fee, please read and consider the following information:***

Asian Theological Seminary is an evangelical, inter-denominational seminary whose mission is to glorify God by providing quality theological education to prepare leaders who will effect Biblical transformation in the church and societies in Asia and beyond.

Apart from its own statement of faith and core values, Asian Theological Seminary subscribes to the Lausanne Covenant. Applicants must be able to sign the Lausanne Covenant and agree to the core values of ATS.

**PROGRAM OF INTEREST** (choose one program only)

- PhD in Contextual Theology, Theology and Culture track
- PhD in Contextual Theology, Biblical Studies and Culture track
- ThM in Contextual Theology, Theology and Culture track
- ThM in Contextual Theology, Biblical Studies and Culture track

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**1. FULL LEGAL NAME**

*(INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS: Please enter your full name as it appears on your passport.)*

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LAST/FAMILY/SURNAME                      FIRST NAME/GIVEN NAME                      MIDDLE NAME

**2. PREFERRED FIRST NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. OTHER FULL NAME(S) ON PREVIOUS RECORDS** (if different from above)

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**4. GENDER:**     Female             Male

**5. CURRENT ADDRESS** (until: \_\_\_\_\_)     Home     Work

\_\_\_\_\_  
UNIT NO./FLOOR/BLDG.                      STREET                      CITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE/DISTRICT/PROVINCE                      ZIP/POSTAL CODE                      COUNTRY

**PERMANENT ADDRESS** (if different from current address)

UNIT NO./FLOOR/BLDG.	STREET	CITY
STATE/DISTRICT/PROVINCE	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY

**6. CURRENT CONTACT NUMBERS**

Home (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ Fax  Home  Work (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

**7. EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Primary Email Address:  Home  Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Email Addresses (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**8. PRIMARY CONTACT PREFERENCE:**  Email  Home Phone  Work Phone  Mobile Phone

**9. BIRTHDATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH DATE YEAR

**10. BIRTHPLACE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE/DISTRICT/PROVINCE COUNTRY

**11. CITIZENSHIP/ETHNICITY**

What is your nation of citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you are not a Filipino citizen and you are presently residing in the Philippines, what is your legal status? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever been a citizen of another nation?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," name of nation \_\_\_\_\_  
How would you describe your ethnicity? (for statistical purposes only, e.g., Filipino, Korean, Caucasian North American, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**12. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Please list your employment history during the past 5 years, beginning with the most recent.

JOB TITLE	EMPLOYER	CITY	STATE/PROVINCE OR NATION	BEGIN DATE	END DATE
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## CHURCH BACKGROUND

13. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION? \_\_\_\_\_

### CURRENT CHURCH

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT NO./FLOOR/BLDG. STREET CITY

STATE/DISTRICT/PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE COUNTRY

How long have you attended this church? \_\_\_\_\_

### HOME CHURCH/FORMER CHURCH

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT NO./FLOOR/BLDG. STREET CITY

STATE/DISTRICT/PROVINCE ZIP/POSTAL CODE COUNTRY

Years attended: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

## 14. CURRENT MINISTRY INVOLVEMENTS

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## 15. STATEMENT OF FAITH

Are you willing to sign the Lausanne Covenant?  Yes  No

For the Lausanne Covenant, see <https://www.lausanne.org/content/covenant/lausanne-covenant>

## LANGUAGE SURVEY

16. WHAT IS YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE? \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicants whose first language is not English must provide an official record of scores earned on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test. Only test scores earned within two years preceding the submission date of the applicant's current application will be acceptable. IELTS overall scores of 6.5 meet the minimum English language requirements, while TOEFL must have a minimum score of 575 (for paper based) and 90 (for internet based). Filipino students will be assessed on the basis of their submitted written work, along with a verifiable certification that it is their own work and have not received substantial editing (which means that parts have to be rewritten by another person).*

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

**17. PRIOR DEGREES** (please check which is appropriate)

Applicants should have any of the following degree:

- Master of Arts in \_\_\_\_\_
- Master of Divinity in \_\_\_\_\_
- Master of Theology (Th.M.) in \_\_\_\_\_
- Bachelor of Divinity Honors (Australian/UK System)

**18. PRIOR INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED**

You must submit official transcripts of all *undergraduate* and *graduate* academic work. In the following section, please list all institutions attended. Attach additional pages if necessary.

*If you need information and/or clarification about accreditation, please contact the Office of Admissions.*

NAME OF INSTITUTION	LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE EARNED
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**19. LIST OF PUBLICATIONS** (if any)

Include Title, Name of Publication, Date (place and publisher, if not a journal), Number of Pages.

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**20. PREREQUISITE UNITS**

What Bible courses have you taken on the Master’s level (provide no. of units for each; include Hermeneutics and Biblical Theology)?

COURSE	NO. OF UNITS
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What Theology courses have you taken on the Master's level (provide no. of units for each)?

COURSE	NO. OF UNITS
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What Social Science Research courses have you taken on the Master's level or any other research method courses (include no. of units for each)?

COURSE	NO. OF UNITS
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What Biblical Language courses have you taken on the Master's level (Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Greek, Aramaic; include no. of units)?

COURSE	NO. OF UNITS
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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What other modern languages courses have you taken or you are fluent in?

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**FINANCIAL/HEALTH INFORMATION**

**The program cost is about US\$9,100.**

**21. How do you plan to support your school and personal/family expenses during the program (list possible sources of funds)?**

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**22. The PhD requires rigorous study. Are you healthy enough to undertake such study? (Please provide details especially if you have lingering health issues. You may be asked to submit a health certificate in the course of the admission process.)**

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**REFERENCES & INFLUENCERS**

**23. PLEASE LIST REFERENCES BELOW**

You must submit two academic references, one pastor or Christian Leader’s reference, and one character reference from a friend (not a family member or relative). Please list references in the following section. We will email your reference form to the people concerned and so you need to ensure that the email address is correct.

***Academic Reference***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

***Academic Reference***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

***Pastor/Christian Leader Reference***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

***Character Reference***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAYS**

**24. MINISTRY EXPERIENCE/INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION**

Attach a summary of the main contours of your past and present ministry and engagement in societal issues.

**25. RELIGIOUS AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

Please attach your responses to the statements below. Your responses will serve as writing samples to assist the Admissions Committee in determining academic eligibility. Please compose your responses so that they accurately demonstrate your ability to communicate clearly in written English. Responses should also convey an accurate current representation of yourself, your Christian experiences, and the relationship of your future life goals to study at ATS. (not less than 200 words and not more than 500 words for each question).

- A. Reflect on your past Christian experience, including your conversion experience and other significant event/influence in your life.
- B. Reflect on your ministry experience and how it helped to shape your spirituality, vocation, and sense of mission.
- C. What is your personal calling to the ministry? What present or future direction has God called you?
- D. Reflect on how attending Asian Theological Seminary's PhD in Contextual Theology will complement your present Christian experience and/or help you to achieve your future personal, professional, and vocational goals. Why is a PhD important to you and your ministry, and why do you want to do a PhD in Contextual Theology?

## WRITING SUBMISSIONS

### 26. PROPOSED RESEARCH INTEREST STATEMENT

Please submit a Proposed Research Interest Statement, which should include your proposed research problem and if possible, a research title. (250-500 words)

### 27. GRADUATE-LEVEL WRITING SAMPLE

Please submit a 40-60 page academic writing sample in English, demonstrating graduate-level research and writing competence in English. The sample should also preferably have either theological or biblical significance, but not necessarily focused on the applicant's area of research interest.

Ideally, the writing sample should be a recent paper or book, or chapter/s in a Master's thesis, or a major paper, reflecting current writing ability and interests. Projects written ten to fifteen years ago will not be as helpful in the application evaluation process.

The sample will be evaluated on the quality and clarity of your argumentation, your ability to communicate concepts in English, and how appropriately you work with scholarly sources. In addition, it must have appropriate citations throughout (in-text citations with a works-cited section, footnotes, or endnotes are all acceptable).

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

By signing and dating below, I acknowledge the following:

1. Once submitted, the application and all supporting documents become the property of Asian Theological Seminary and will not be returned to me.
2. I certify that this application form was completed by me and that information provided by me is true, correct, and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation, falsification, or material omission of information in any part of my application for admission, or orally during a pre-admission interview (if applicable) may result in me being denied admission, or if already admitted, being dismissed.
3. If admitted, I understand that continual adherence to the ethical and behavioral standards affirmed by the seminary's Statements of Beliefs is a continuing condition of enrolment (please see <http://www.ats.ph/about-us/statement-of-beliefs/>).

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_