



ANTIOCHIAN HOUSE OF STUDIES
PhD PROGRAM IN ORTHODOX STUDIES
APPLICATION for ADMISSION TO THE PhD PROGRAM

1. Complete form, and send to registrar@tahos.org.
2. Attach all required documents (see Appendix, Section 2).
3. Requests for references will be sent directly to your referees by AHOS.

A – Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit#

City State/Province ZIP Code

International Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit#

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Gender: _____ ID or Passport Number: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No If not, are you authorized to study in the USA? Yes No

Birth Date: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____
Month Day Year City State/Province Country

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If yes, explain _____

B – Education

College/ University: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Year of Graduation: _____ Degree: _____

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From: _____ To: _____ Year of Graduation: _____ Degree: _____

Studies at AHOS?: Yes No

From: _____ To: _____ Year of Graduation: _____ Degree: _____



C – References

Please list THREE academic references:

Name: _____
First/Last Academic Title Relationship

Institution: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____
First/Last Academic Title Relationship

Institution: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____
First/Last Academic Title Relationship

Institution: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

D – Previous or Current Employment

Company/
 Institution: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Job Title: _____

Responsibilities: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

May we contact your supervisor for a reference? Yes No

Company/
 Institution: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Job Title: _____

Responsibilities: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

May we contact your supervisor for a reference? Yes No



E – Priestly / Ecclesiastical Ministry

Church: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Jurisdiction: _____ Position: _____

Bishop: _____

Parish Priest: _____

Previous denomination, if any: _____

F – Financial Information

You must demonstrate that you have sufficient funds available for your academic and travel expenses. You or your sponsor will be responsible for all payments according to scheduled payment dates for each semester.

How do you plan to fund your tuition and expenses during your education?

Self-Sponsored Scholarship Specify (name, value, duration): _____

I certify that the financial information provided on this form is true, accurate, and complete, and that the funds are available and will be provided as stated.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

G – Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to admission, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my expulsion from the program. I also understand that application fees are not refundable.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

H – This Section Is For Internal Use Only

Reviewed By: _____ Date Received: _____
Last First M.I.

Proposed Supervisor(s): _____

Area of Specialization: _____

Bridging Course(s): _____

- English Language Requirement Met? Yes No US Residency Requirement Met? Yes No
- Ancient Language Requirement Met? Yes No Language(s) _____
- Academic Requirements Met? Yes No Personal Statement Received? Yes No
- Application Fee Received? Yes No

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PLEASE SEE APPENDIX BELOW FOR APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

APPENDIX - APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for the Ph.D. Program in Orthodox Studies, ensure that all entrance requirements have been satisfied. Please see Sections 1–7 below pertaining to the application procedure for the Ph.D. Program.

1 – Entrance Requirements

Admission to the Ph.D. Program in Orthodox Studies typically requires a graduate degree specifically related to the candidate's area of research. A Master's degree in Theology (MTh), Divinity (MDiv) or Religious Studies, is preferred. However, graduates of other academic disciplines may be admitted to the Ph.D. Program upon completion of such bridging courses as are deemed necessary by the Admissions Committee.

Incorrect or incomplete applications will not be considered by the Admissions Committee. Please note that applications are only valid for two consecutive years.

English Language Requirements

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide evidence of proficiency in English. This can be either an IELTS score of 7.0, a TOEFL score of 100 iBT, or a Cambridge CPE at grade C. English language requirements may be waived if the applicant is a graduate of a recognized university whose language of instruction is English.

Ancient Language Requirements

Applicants who do not have proficiency in Ancient or Biblical Greek must acquire a sufficient knowledge of Greek by the end of the second year of the Ph.D. Program. Ancient or Biblical Greek is a prerequisite for the AHOS Ph.D. in Orthodox Studies, in addition to which one other ancient tongue is required, such as Latin, Syriac, Hebrew, Coptic, Armenian, Slavonic, Georgian, Arabic.

Proficiency is also required in at least one modern language other than English. French and German are strongly recommended, but proficiency in other modern languages might also be acceptable, depending on the character of the proposed topic of research. Please refer to our Language Tutor for additional advice and guidance.

2 – Supporting Documents and References

All applications must include the following supplementary documentation before a decision can be made:

- CV/Résumé. This should include your personal details with a history of your education, research and employment to date.
- Personal statement. In not more than 1,000 words, the personal statement is an autobiographical account outlining the major events in one's life.
- Description of Research Interests. A brief outline of applicant's area of interest for research, not more than 500 words.
- Two samples of academic work written in English, of approximately 2,000 words each, including notes, but not including bibliography.
- Three academic references. Referees will be emailed a link to a web form, which will allow them to either upload their reference, or to complete it online. References should arrive in a timely manner, before the deadline (see Section 3 below).
- Academic transcripts and degree certificates. Please have the granting institution send certified copies directly to the AHOS with official English translations, if applicable.
- Certificate of proficiency in the English language, if applicable. See English Language Requirements above.



3 – Important Deadlines

Applications received by February 28th will receive first consideration for acceptance. Applications received after February 28th will be considered on a rolling basis and only if places are available. If places are not available at the time of application, successful applicants will be invited to resubmit their application during the following application period. Applications for the Ph.D. Program are considered every two years.

4 – Applicants With Disabilities

Applicants with special needs or disabilities are encouraged to contact AHOS as early as possible, so as to ensure that their needs will be provided for by AHOS.

If AHOS has not been informed of a student's special needs prior to an offer being made, we cannot guarantee that suitable resources will be available at the commencement of studies – although every reasonable effort will be made on the student's behalf.

Please note that all applications are assessed chiefly on academic merit.

5 – Application Fee

An application fee of \$75 is payable upon submission of the application. Checks must be written to the Antiochian House of Studies (AHOS), 385 Ivy Lane, Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

6 – Tuition Fees

The total number of credits for the AHOS Ph.D. Program in Orthodox Studies is 36. The cost per credit is \$399. There is a \$500 tuition fee per extra year (from the fourth year on), a \$200 dissertation submission fee, and a \$200 Graduation fee.

There is a yearly technology fee of \$100, and a Library access fee, also of \$100.

The total tuition costs over a three-year period is currently \$15,439; which comes to \$5,146.33 per year (for the first three years). All costs are subject to change at the discretion of AHOS.

7 – Contact Information

For further details regarding the AHOS Ph.D. Program in Orthodox Studies, please contact the Office of the Registrar.

Office of the Registrar	(570) 470-7804 phone
Ph.D. Program in Orthodox Studies	(570) 319-1348 fax
106 Hilltop Road	
Waverly Twp, PA 18414	registrar@tahos.org email

