

The LSRI DPhil Ecotheology Scholarship

For students working in the field of ecotheology via systematic, political or applied theology approaches.

To cover full fees and partial stipend for duration of course. Based at the Laudato Si' Research Institute, Campion Hall, University of Oxford.



Call for applications

Start date: Academic year 2025-2026



A new DPhil scholarship in ecotheology

The Laudato Si' Research Institute, based at Campion Hall, and the Faculty of Theology & Religion, University of Oxford invite applications for the LSRI Ecotheology Scholarship.

The scholarship is intended for those applying for the course Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) in Theology & Religion at the University of Oxford, which is one of the world's leading programmes for advanced research in the study of religion, faith, and theological traditions.

Applicants must be working in the field of ecotheology, defined as any branch of theology that explores the relationship between religion, faith, and the natural environment. The research project must include engagement with systematic theology or with political theology (or other areas of applied theology).

The Scholarship covers full fees (at current full-time Home student rates only) and offers a personal stipend of £6,000 per year for three years (rising at 5% per year).

For graduate students seeking to work in the field of

ECOTHEOLOGY

via systematic, political or applied theology approaches

The scholar would be required to matriculate at Campion Hall, University of Oxford and be a registered student at Campion Hall for the duration of the course.

The scholarship is open to international scholars, subject to necessary student visa and other conditions set by the University of Oxford. However, the scholarship can only meet Home fees; any remainder must be met by the student separately.



About the scholarship

The LSRI Ecotheology Scholarship is available to students applying for a DPhil in the Faculty of Theology & Religion, University of Oxford beginning in October 2026

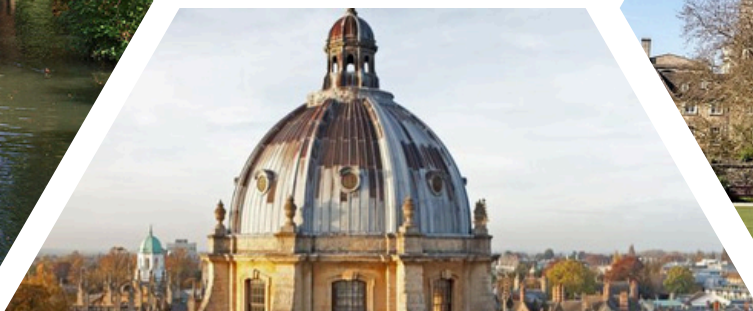
Course	DPhil full-time (Theology & Religion)
Location	Campion Hall, University of Oxford
Start	Michaelmas Term (October) 2026
Duration	Three years (36 months), to Trinity Term (June) 2029
Offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full-time course fees at Home Student level (three years)• Personal stipend of £6,000 per year, rising at 5% annually (for three years)
Supervision	Doctoral supervision will be agreed in association with Faculty of Theology & Religion, University of Oxford, and in line with the applicant's specific needs. However, it is anticipated that one supervisor will be supplied by the Laudato Si' Research Institute.

A broad exposure to ecotheology

The LSRI Ecotheology Scholarship provides excellent opportunities to participate in a research team working on ecotheology at the University of Oxford.

The LSRI is established as a leading centre of academic research on ecotheology, enabling connections with universities and research centres around the world. The appointed scholar will join a small but growing cohort of graduate and post-doctoral students working on the field of ecotheology, including:

- Participation in the Ecotheology Research Seminar, a fortnightly term-time academic seminar hosted by the LSRI.
- Involvement in the Ecotheology Early Career Research Network, a group of doctoral and post-doctoral researchers from the UK and around the world that meets termly online.
- Activities in the Faculty of Theology & Religion at the University of Oxford, potentially to include the Modern Theology seminar and the Christian Ethics seminar.
- The scholar will be eligible to apply for the Faculty of Theology & Religion's Graduate Teacher Training Scheme.



Applications

Applications for the DPhil Theology and Religion must be made through the University of Oxford Graduate Admissions portal. You will be required to submit supporting documents including: transcripts, degree certificates, a research proposal, your CV and references.

When making an application, you should indicate that you wish to be considered for the LSRI Ecotheology Scholarship. This entails acceptance of membership at Campion Hall, University of Oxford.



University Application Portal

The **research proposal** is a crucial element of the application. It should explain what research project is envisaged, how it fits in the research area described above, and how it will impact the rapidly-developing field of ecotheology. Please refer to the Faculty [site](#) for more information.

Questions about the LSRI Ecotheology Scholarship should be addressed to:

- For questions about the research project: Dr Timothy Howles, Associate Director, Laudato Si' Research Institute, timothy.howles@campion.ox.ac.uk.
- For questions about the application process: Harriet David, Project & Operations Manager, Laudato Si' Research Institute, harriet.david@campion.ox.ac.uk.

Selection will be made via the University admissions procedure. Candidates who have indicated interest in being considered for the LSRI Ecotheology Scholarship will be assessed via a selection panel. The selected candidates will be invited to an interview at Campion Hall on Tuesday 03 March 2026. Candidates must be available for in-person interview in Oxford on this date.

Course fees are funded by the Jesuits in Britain. The LSRI is a work of the Jesuits in Britain and seeks to develop the principles enshrined in the Jesuit Intellectual Apostolate. The stipend is funded by the Faculty of Theology & Religion and by Campion Hall, University of Oxford.

The hosting institutions

About the LSRI

The Laudato Si' Research Institute is based at Campion Hall, University of Oxford and is a work of the Jesuits in Britain. Since opening in 2019, our work has been inspired by Pope Francis' vision in the encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, which calls all people to respond to the "cry of the earth" and the "cry of the poor". Inspired by Ignatian traditions and drawing insights from the natural sciences, the social sciences and the humanities, the Institute's mission is to develop an integral ecology paradigm to create a hope-filled future for socio-ecological transformation.

About Campion Hall

Campion Hall is the Jesuit Hall in Oxford for graduate students and researchers, combining two of the world's great educational and intellectual traditions, those of the Society of Jesus and the University of Oxford. We seek to hold together the high academic standards of Oxford with Jesuit educational philosophy, to provide a unique environment for learning that nourishes the heart and soul as well as the mind. The Hall is one of four Permanent Private Halls at the University of Oxford. Founded by the Society of Jesus in 1896, the Hall is now a welcoming home to an international and diverse community of graduate students, fellows, and staff who share the motivation to cultivate wisdom for the common good through transformative learning, research, and engagement. We welcome postgraduate students working in many different fields, and our resources are especially suited to students in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The Laudato Si' Research Institute is based at the Hall.

About the Faculty of Theology & Religion

The Faculty of Theology & Religion, University of Oxford is one of the oldest centres of theological study in the world, with teaching in theology dating back to the 13th century. It is consistently ranked among the top departments globally for theology, religious studies and study of religions. The Faculty is home to major research projects and international collaborations. There is a strong emphasis on inter-disciplinary research, linking theology with philosophy, history, literature, politics, anthropology, and environmental studies. The Faculty is involved in cutting-edge fields like ecotheology, religion and science, and ethics in public life.