



## Multnomah Biblical Seminary

### Doctor of Ministry Program Tuition & Financial Aid

Students starting their doctoral studies in the first cohort of a track (Cultural Engagement, Missional Leadership, Global Evangelism, and Spiritual Formation), will receive a break in tuition for being the first cohort. This tuition figure includes three years of in-residency classes and the final project.

After the first cohort, subsequent cohorts will pay tuition (per credit hour) found at the “Tuition and Financial Aid” page at the Multnomah web site. When you join a cohort, your tuition rate is set for the duration of your continuous participation in the cohort.

The payment for a year can be in one lump sum or up to nine (9) monthly installments starting in April and going through to January. The first year has a 9 credit hour (CH) term, the second year is 9 CH, the third year is 8 CH and the last year is 6 CH.

As you consider the financial costs, recall that there will be transportation, lodging and meal expenses. In addition, you should budget for graduation fees and costs associated with the final project, such as binding fees and copyright filing (optional).

#### Funding Your Education

DMin students are not eligible to receive federal student aid. Therefore, unless you have a rich uncle or goldmine to finance your schooling, you may need other options to pay for continuing education.

#### **Ministry-based Funding**

Your doctoral studies can significantly benefit the ministry you are involved with. You might consider approaching the leaders of this ministry to assist you with financing your education.

By furthering your education, your ministry can be a participant in your studies as both a “laboratory” and an investor in your work. Ultimately, you are ministry partners serving a constituency, be it a congregation or the local community. Consider how you can paint a picture of how what you are doing in your studies advances the Kingdom and mission of your ministry (church or parachurch organization).

Options for sharing the costs of your education:

- Your church or parachurch ministry covers your tuition.
- Your ministry shares the costs of the DMin education. Outline the expectations to be addressed – what expenses are expected and will be covered, how much will be covered (a fixed amount or percentage), what type of commitment will be necessary when the doctoral studies are completed, etc...
- Perhaps you can take out a loan, and your ministry creates an escrow fund that you both contribute to during the schooling. When the loan is due, the payments can come from the escrow fund.
- Ask your ministry supporters and constituents to invest in your education with financial assistance and prayer. Through your ministry or a missionary support organization, set up a fund for your education.

## Resources for learning about and finding financial aid

[Federal Student Aid](#) (NOTE: our program is not aid eligible for federal assistance, but the info. found here is useful)

[FinAid](#)

[Top books on financial aid and scholarships](#)

[Advice from the experts](#)

## Scholarships and Fellowships

Scholarships for [Religious/Theological Studies](#) and [Christians](#)

[The Fund for Theological Education](#)

[Christian Connector](#)

[Woman's Missionary Union \(WMU\) Foundation](#)

[Acton Institute](#)

A general keyword search via any internet search engine can turn up various potential financial resources ranging from scholarships to loans and loan forgiveness.

## Loans

There are outside sources for low-interest loans. Private banks and organizations may be able to assist with loans for your continuing education.

Contact Multnomah's financial aid office to discuss outside funding options at [finaid@multnomah.edu](mailto:finaid@multnomah.edu) or 503.251.5335.

**NOTE:** In providing this information, Multnomah is NOT endorsing these organizations, but rather assisting to provide to students to make a basic-level, informed decisions.