Australian College of Theology

2021 Coursework Course Application Form

Information collected on this form is required to be reported to the Department of Education, and will be used to provide targeted support to students.

APPLICANT DETAILS:

Legal name in Full (as shown on your Passport): .....
Title *First Name(s)* *Surname*

Preferred Name: ..... **Date of Birth** (DD/MM/YYYY) .....

ACT student number (if known): ..... **USI** (Unique Student Identifier): .....
Find your USI at https://usi.gov.au

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Unspecified

Contact Details:
Term address:

No. & Street:			Suburb:		
State:		Postcode:		Mobile:	
Phone:		Emergency Contact: (name, phone number and relationship)			
Email:					

Permanent home address (overseas students and Temporary Permit Visa holders MUST fill in their HOME country details):

No. & Street:					
Suburb		State:		Postcode:	
Country		Email:			
Phone:		Mobile:			

COURSE ENROLMENT:

Course name: .....

Intended study load (full-time or part time): .....

Intended payment method (upfront fees or a FEE-HELP loan): .....

Intended study mode (on-campus, off-campus, or a mixture of both): .....

Tuition fees for units are outlined at actheology.edu.au/fees. See actheology.edu.au/fees for FEE-HELP eligibility and application process.

DEMOGRAPHIC:

Country of birth: ..... Year of arrival in Australia if born outside Australia: .....

Language spoken at home (other than English): .....

Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

☐ Aboriginal ☐ Torres Strait Islander ☐ Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ☐ Neither

DISABILITY:

Do you have a disability, impairment or a long-term medical condition which may impact your learning experience?

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ PREFER NOT TO SAY If **YES**, please indicate the area/s of impairment. Please mark all that apply.

☐ hearing ☐ physical ☐ vision ☐ medical condition ☐ acquired brain injury

☐ intellectual ☐ specific learning disability ☐ mental health condition ☐ neurological condition

☐ other – please specify …… ☐ Prefer not to say

Disability effective from: ….. /….. /……

If you have said yes to any of the above, would you like to receive advice on support services and facilities which may assist you? ☐ YES ☐ NO

PREVIOUS QUALIFICATIONS:

Your highest educational attainment: ……

Year of Completion: ……..……

Your highest level of school attainment in Australia: ☐ Year 9 ☐ Year 10 ☐ Year 11 ☐ Year 12 ☐ Unknown

If you completed year 12 in Australia, please state the year of completion: ……

In what state did you attend year 12 (if completed overseas, skip to the HEP questions):

☐ NSW ☐ QLD ☐ NT ☐ WA ☐ SA ☐ VIC ☐ TAS ☐ ACT

Suburb of your school during your final year of secondary school: ……

The Australian suburb and postcode of your permanent home residence in your last year of secondary school:

……

Did you attend a previous Higher Education Provider (HEP): ☐ Yes ☐ No

What year did you last attend: ……

What was the name of the Higher Education Provider: ……

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) (value will range from 0.05 to 99.95): ……..

(note: Qld students must convert their OP scores. Talk to your enrolling college for details).

Basis for admission to current course:

☐ Previous higher education course ☐ Previous VET qualification ☐ Secondary education

☐ Other basis: ……

IELTS score (including subtest scores): ……

(for applicants from a non-English speaking background)

CITIZENSHIP:

Citizenship status (please tick only one):

☐ Australian citizen ☐ New Zealand citizen

☐ Permanent Resident ☐ Temporary permit visa (incl. Student Visa)

☐ Permanent Humanitarian Visa ☐ Other (please state) ……

Citizenship status effective from: ….. /….. /……

PARENT DETAILS:

What was the highest level of education completed by your parent/guardian #1 (please tick only one box):

1. Postgraduate qualifications (eg masters, PhD) ☐
2. Bachelor qualification ☐
3. Other post school qualification (eg, VET/TAFE certificate, apprenticeship, associate degree or diploma) ☐
4. Completed Year 12 or equivalent ☐
5. Did not complete Year 12 or equivalent ☐
6. I don't know ☐

What was the highest level of education completed by your parent/guardian #2 (please tick only one box):

1. Postgraduate qualifications (eg masters, PhD) ☐
2. Bachelor qualification ☐
3. Other post school qualification (eg, VET/TAFE certificate, apprenticeship, associate degree or diploma) ☐
4. Completed Year 12 or equivalent ☐
5. Did not complete Year 12 or equivalent ☐
6. I don't know ☐

REGULATION/TERMS OF ENROLMENT:

Overseas Students: The information provided by overseas students to the provider (the Australian College of Theology) may be made available to Commonwealth and State agencies and the Fund Manager of the Educational Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Assurance Fund, pursuant to obligations under the ESOS Act 2000 and the National Code; and the provider is required, under section 19 of the ESOS Act 2000, to tell the Department about: (i) certain changes to the student's enrolment; and (ii) any breach by the student of a student visa condition relating to attendance or satisfactory academic performance.

Variation of Enrolment: Students who wish to vary their enrolment by addition of or withdrawal from a unit should consult their Affiliated College Registrar for the critical dates that apply to that unit and the procedure to use to apply for a variation. Withdrawal from a unit after the Withdrawal Date will attract a fail (FW) grade. [For more information, see www.actheology.edu.au – Variation of Enrolment]

Closing dates for application: An application for enrolment in a unit lodged after the Administrative Date for the unit may be subject to the Variation of Enrolment Fee.

Credit Transfer / RPL: ACT's Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning policies are published on the ACT's website www.actheology.edu.au.

Grievance Resolution: The ACT's Grievance Resolution Policy for Domestic Students and the Grievance Resolution Policy for Overseas Students are available on the ACT website at www.actheology.edu.au.

Refunds of tuition fees: Candidates who withdraw after the census date of a unit and wish to apply for a tuition fee refund must apply in writing to the Registrar of the Australian College of Theology. A copy of the Tuition Fee Refund application form and policy can be found on the Australian College of Theology website www.actheology.edu.au.

APPLICATION AND DECLARATION:

I apply to be enrolled in the Course and Units set out above and agree that, upon acceptance, I will be enrolled at the Australian College of Theology on the terms set out above.

Unless I am applying for cross-institutional enrolments or Single Unit Study, I note that am enrolling in units contributing to the completion of a course of the Australian College of Theology and I declare my intention to complete this course of study.

Should I be accepted as a student of the Australian College of Theology, I will abide by its rules and policies. I understand that I can access the rules and policies relating to my course and my enrolled units on the website of the Australian College of Theology at www.actheology.edu.au.

In particular, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and accept:

- the Grievance Resolution Policy for Domestic/Overseas Students; and
- (if I am an overseas applicant) the ACT Refund Policy and Agreement for Overseas Students.

I also understand that:

- The Australian College of Theology is collecting the information in this form for the purpose of assessing my eligibility for the Higher Education Loan Program under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* and allocation of a Commonwealth Higher Education Student Support Number to me; and for program administration purposes, including the viewing of survey data by relevant parties.
- The Australian College of Theology will disclose this information to the Australian Government as required under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.
- The Australian Government is required to store the information securely.
- The Australian College of Theology may disclose information to government departments in relation to transport concessions.
- The Australian College of Theology and the Australian Government will not otherwise disclose the information without my consent unless required or authorised by law.
- My information may be sent to software vendors in order for me to access software relevant to my course at reduced rates, and not on-sold to any provider.
- Work submitted in relation to this course may be submitted to organisations for academic integrity assurance.

Noting that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code, I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information in this form is correct.

Signature of applicant .....……..... Date: …….....

(NB: <u>only</u> the applicant may sign this form – no proxy signatures will be accepted)

BST
Brisbane School of Theology

Application Form

INTERVIEW DETAILS

Every applicant is required to have an interview with a BST faculty member.

Have you already had an interview? ☐ YES ☐ NO (If no please below selection below)

Day: ☐ Mo ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri Time: ☐ AM ☐ PM ☐ On campus ☐ Zoom or phone

CHRISTIAN BELIEF

How long have you known Jesus as your Lord and Saviour?

Which church are you currently attending?

How long have you been attending this church? Denomination:

What is your present involvement with this church?

MARTIAL STATUS

☐ Never married ☐ Engaged ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced

PREVIOUS THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Have you previously undertaken any formal theological training? ☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, please specify below:

Year start	Year finish	Institution	Course	Completed YES/NO

Would you like to obtain recognition of prior learning towards your studies at BST? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Please provide a photocopy of the relevant transcript with your application if you seek to obtain recognition of prior learning.

Are you considering an application to another college? ☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, which one(s):

What is the status of application at the other college(s)?

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

What is your current (or most recent) occupation?

Who is your current (or most recent) employer? Since when

CRIMINAL OFFENCES

Have you been charged or convicted of a criminal offence? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes this will be discussed further in interview

CHILDREN PROTECTION - BLUE CARD

Do you have a valid Blue Card? ☐ YES ☐ NO Card Number: Expiry Date:

Card Type: ☐ Volunteer/student ☐ Paid

Have you been charged or convicted of a child-related offence? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please comment:

If you do not have a Blue Card yet, and you are full-time you will have to apply through BST once you have been accepted as a student at the college.

REFEREES

Please provide the names of your Pastor and one mature Christian person, other than a relative, who has known you well for at least 3 years and who is prepared to act as a referee. Note that you should seek their permission and advise them to expect referee form via email from the College.

Referee 1: Pastor		**Referee 2: Mature Christian**	
Full Name:		Full Name:	
Church:		Church:	
Phone:		Phone:	
Email:		Email:	

MARKETING INFORMATION

How did you hear about BST? ☐ Referral by: _____ ☐ Open Night ☐ Website/Google

☐ Other: _____

I agree that my name and photo can be used in promotional material for the college. ☐ YES ☐ NO

ON CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is subject to availability and will be assessed during the application process.

Are you intending to apply for accommodation at the college? ☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes please complete section below)

Student accommodation on campus is a cornerstone of the experience of learning in community at BST. Living together makes for building relationships, supporting each other, sharing everyday tasks, along with the convenience of living close to the library, lecture rooms and other facilities. We aim to provide an environment conducive to effective study and personal growth.

Our residential chaplain Jonny Lush supervises the accommodation, monitors the well-being of residents and encourages hospitality. Our hope is that lasting relationships of mutual support in the service of the gospel will result. We've seen that happening over many years.

Living on campus is not a refuge from the responsibilities of life, but a context in which we meet our responsibilities to each other in contributing to the community. Naturally, it is not just pleasant days and happy friendships. Residents face health challenges, difficult personal circumstances and various crises. Academic study and regular deadlines for assessments can place people under pressure. Deeper trust in Jesus, relationships and character are formed out of difficult or stressful situations, but that does not mean they are easy.

So residential accommodation is not for everyone. Residents may have to cope with personal challenges and academic deadlines at the same time. It is important to have supportive relationships outside of the college for times like that. Living away from home for the first time, or faulty expectations of the responsibilities involved, can prove very demanding.

BST's Residential Accommodation Application process is designed to help us work out together what will be the best living context to enable you to learn well and meet the academic requirements of any course. Through the process, we want to ensure the environment is a healthy one for you and those around you, as we grow more like our Lord Jesus.

If yes what type of accommodation? ☐ Single dorm room (shared living, bathroom and kitchen)

☐ One bedroom unit ☐ Two bedroom unit (Units are self-contained and unfurnished)

If coming with family please list all members of your family and if children their ages.

Family member name		Relationship		If child age:	
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If you have children, are your children up to date with the National Immunisation Program Schedule? ☐ YES ☐ NO

What is your current living situation?

Why would you like to move on campus?

Have you ever lived in community living before? If yes, what was your experience?

What expectations do you have of contributing to the community?

What challenges could you anticipate living on campus in community?

What support, external to BST community are you able to access as a support network?

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

Please give a personal biography outlining the main details of your life and an account of your Christian conversion & experience.

REASONS FOR STUDY

Please explain why you want to study at Bible college and how you have come to believe that you should make this application.

Statement of Faith

Preamble

Brisbane School of Theology (BST) is a community of Christians who differ in experience, church and denominational association, ministry goals, academic ability, ethnic background and age. This diversity occurs within a context of unity because of a common allegiance to Jesus Christ, a desire by all to fulfil God's will in the church and world, and a shared commitment to the truths of the authoritative Word of God, the Bible.

Beliefs foundational to the Christian faith are taught with conviction at BST and unity is expected in relation to them. There are however, a number of issues which are secondary or peripheral, and many Christians have different views in regard to them, being matters of interpretation. The College grants faculty, staff and students the freedom to hold their own convictions in relation to such issues, in a context of unity and mutual respect.

Doctrinal Statement

The college seeks to uphold the following foundational beliefs:

[GOD]	**God is the creator and sustainer of all things.**
[JESUS]	**Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is fully God and fully human, in one person. He lived a sinless life, died in the place of sinful human beings and experienced bodily resurrection before ascending visibly to heaven.**
[THE HOLY SPIRIT]	**The Holy Spirit lives within all Christians and empowers us to grow spiritually and serve God in the world.**
[THE TRINITY]	**There is one God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who share together equally and eternally in the one being of God.**
[THE BIBLE]	**The Scriptures, consisting of the Old and New Testaments in their entirety, are the inspired and infallible written Word of God and have been given by God to the church as the final authority for what to believe and how to live.**
[THE CHURCH]	**The church is the people of God, made up of all who are joined to Jesus Christ through faith regardless of ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status or denominational association.**
[HUMANITY]	**All humans are sinners, disobedient to God, and have a broken relationship with Him until given new life by the Holy Spirit.**
[SALVATION]	**The only way for men and women to be in a restored relationship with God is through faith in Jesus Christ who, through his sacrificial death, has done all that is necessary for God to forgive our sins.**
[RESURRECTION]	**Jesus Christ will return personally at the end of the age when there will be a bodily resurrection of all people, followed by judgement leading to eternal life or eternal separation from God.**

If for any reason you cannot endorse the statement of faith, please give specific details on a separate piece of paper and enclose it with your application.

College Community Expectations

The college is a Christian learning community that seeks to develop students holistically for Christian ministry through an integrated program of academic and non-academic activities. Students of the college are expected to be committed to learning and participating in the college community.

Expectations of all students

Faith commitment:

- Be a committed follower of Jesus Christ, trusting in Him as Saviour and obeying Him as Lord, in accordance with His teachings in the Bible
- Be actively and consistently involved in serving in a local church, in good standing with the leaders of that church

BST commitment:

- Attend orientation sessions at the commencement of studies
- Attend college lectures
- Attend Tuesday chapel, fellowship group and prayer mornings, and Friday Ministry Awareness Program sessions, if you attend college for lectures on those days
- Contribute positively and enthusiastically to the well-being of the college and its community life
- Comply with the policies of the college
- Treat all people with dignity and respect
- Meet all financial obligations to the college in a timely manner (including tuition fees and rent)

Particular expectations of full-time students (enrolled in three or more units in a semester)

- Integrate as fully as possible into the total life of the college
- Participate fully in Mission Exposure Week
- Attend the annual college camp
- Participate fully in the three-day Work Prac at the end of the academic year

Particular expectation of residential students

- Perform certain daily or weekly duties

In addition, there are other college activities that are not categorised as expected or required. However, students are strongly encouraged to attend these as they are able:

- The annual graduation service
- The BST one-day missions conference
- The end-of-year college dinner

Declaration

1. I hereby apply for admission as a student at Brisbane School of Theology (BST) under the terms and conditions outlined in the documents provided to me and on the BST website.
2. I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information supplied in this application, and any documentation supporting it, is correct and complete.
3. Where I have indicated I will be seeking credit for work done elsewhere towards an award at BST, I have provided sufficient details of the other institutions, awards and subjects for my request to be considered.
4. I authorise the college to obtain educational institutions evidence of my academic record or to seek other corroborating evidence with respect to my application.
5. I understand a decision regarding my admission to the college is made after my application and supporting documentation is complete.
6. I agree that I will enter into the spirit of the college, will seek to make my personal contribution to its well-being and community life, will conform to its policies & procedures and fulfil responsibilities allotted to me in an attitude of Christian fellowship and service for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

☐ I have read and agree to BST's statement of faith ☐ I have read and agree to BST's expectations

Signature: …….. Date: ……

Form must be submitted with signatures. Signed pages can be signed and scanned in separately.

<u>What happens next?</u>

1. Email application to info@bst.qld.edu.au
2. You will receive a confirmation email acknowledging your application
3. We will email your references
4. We will arrange/confirm an interview time with you (if applicable)
5. In the event of a positive outcome we will send you
   a. a letter of acceptance
   b. confirmation of available accommodation (if applicable)
   c. other documents you need to start studying with us (e.g. FEE-HELP information, enrolment form, etc.)
6. If your application is not accepted, we will send you a letter explaining the reasons and outlining other options for you.

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION