

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

Stockholm School of Theology launches a doctoral programme in Biblical Studies and announces two scholarships, from autumn 2017. Specializations are available in Hebrew Bible and New Testament respectively. The plans are reviewed by the Swedish Higher Education Authorities and accreditation granted by the Swedish government. The programme follows Swedish standards. This means four years (240 ECTS credits) of full time studies, but part time studies are possible.

Supervisors at Stockholm School of Theology represent a broad array of approaches to Biblical Studies, including historical, literary, theological, social-scientific, cognitive, and reception-oriented perspectives. Examples of research interests among the Stockholm faculty include ritual, purity, legal and halakic development, historical Jesus, cognitive linguistics, as well as various intersectional approaches, including gender studies. A major research project on ideas, practices, and rituals of moral repair in antiquity, making use of Cognitive Science of Religion approaches and funded by the Swedish Research Council, will run until 2021. Doctoral students with similar interests can benefit from this research environment.

Students pursuing their doctoral studies at Stockholm will also become part of larger Nordic and international networks, including possibilities of short-term exchange.

Admission requirements include an advanced level / second-cycle degree (generally a Master's) with a concentration in the research subject area applied for (Hebrew Bible /Old Testament or New Testament), as well as a convincing project plan. Applicants must be knowledgeable in both biblical Hebrew and ancient Greek. Previous studies in other ancient languages or other subject areas relevant to the proposed research topic, are considered a merit.

The 2017 deadline for applications is May 15th and admissions are scheduled in June. Highly qualified doctoral students without formal scholarships but with reasonable alternative sources of funding may also be admitted. Applications for admission and for scholarships are made on special forms, available from the programme director prof. Thomas Kazen (<mailto:thomas.kazen@ths.se>), who also provides more detailed information.