The Theology Department of Boston College, located in the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, invites applications from outstanding students interested in pursuing a doctorate in Biblical Studies beginning in the fall of 2017.

Accepted students will have the opportunity to work with the department's faculty in New Testament, Hebrew Bible, and Dead Sea Scrolls: Pheme Perkins (NT), John Darr (NT), Yonder Gillihan (NT, DSS), David Vanderhooft (HB), and Jeffrey Cooley (HB).

Our program entails both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament (with an emphasis on one or the other), and students can expect rigorous engagement with Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek languages and texts from a historical-critical perspective. Members of the Biblical Studies faculty represent diverse confessional traditions, and since we are embedded in a theology department that is Jesuit and Catholic in its scope, students have the opportunity to interact with other fields of theological inquiry (Systematics, Ethics, Historical Theology, and Comparative Theology).

Students also have the opportunity to work with faculty at nearby institutions, especially Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, including Thomas Stegman, SJ (NT), Christopher Matthews (NT), Angela Kim Harkins (NT, DSS), Christopher Stroup (NT), Richard Clifford, SJ (HB), Michael Simone, SJ (HB), and Andrew Davis (HB). Moreover, BC's PhD candidates are able to take advantage of Boston's vibrant academic environment by enrolling in courses at schools participating in the Boston Theological Institute and the Boston Area Graduate Consortium (e.g., Harvard Divinity School, Brandeis University, Boston University, see http://www.bostontheological.org/).

All of our students are fully funded with tuition and stipends for five years and are able to hone their pedagogical skills with teaching assistantships and fellowships, as well as participating in the Apprenticeship in College Teaching program at Boston College's Center for Teaching Excellence (http://www.bc.edu/offices/cte/programs-and-events/apprenticeship-in-college-teaching.html)

Students whose focus is in Hebrew Bible or Second Temple Judaism are also eligible to apply for a competitive bonus stipend in the amount of $4000 per annum.

Boston College is an R1 university in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition located in the economically robust and culturally rich greater Boston area. For more information about the Theology Department and our program, please visit http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/theology/graduate.html.

Potential students are encouraged to meet with one of our faculty members and current students at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in San Antonio (November 19-22). The deadline for admission in the fall of 2017 is January 2.