



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Thriving in Diverse Contexts

A Study Program on Psychological Science
for Researchers in Christian Theology

June 2023 – May 2025

The Center of Theological Inquiry (CTI) is a research center for visiting scholars, founded in 1978 and located in Princeton, New Jersey. We study basic questions of global concern that call for cross-disciplinary exchange between theology and the natural and human sciences.

**This Call for Applications is for theologians
who are asking the question:**

“What makes for human thriving?”

This question about the concept and conditions of human flourishing around the world is at the core of the Center’s new cross-training program in the psychological sciences for researchers in any branch of Christian theology, including systematic, philosophical, moral, practical, biblical, and postcolonial theologies. CTI invites theologians who are conducting research on human thriving in their context, or on related themes, to apply for a two-year study program on psychological science and its critical evaluation and application in theologies of thriving.

STUDY PROGRAM

Successful applicants will join one of the two peer groups of six theologians in the study and research phases of this cross-training program in psychology, June 2023 - May 2025.

Study Phase on Psychology for Theologies of Thriving

Each peer group will take one resident and two virtual cross-training modules:

- **Psychology for Theologies of Thriving (1):**
Resident Summer School in Princeton NJ, June 11-24, 2023
- **Psychology for Theologies of Thriving (2):**
Remote Module, Fall 2023
- **Critical Readings for Advanced Cross-Training in Psychology:** Remote Module, Spring or Fall 2024

Research Phase on Psychology-Conversant Theologies of Thriving

Each peer group will spend a semester in residence at the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton, NJ in either the Fall of 2024 or the Spring of 2025, as members of CTI's research workshop on thriving.



TEAM

Dr. Michael Spezio, Associate Professor of Psychology, Scripps College, will lead the study phase on psychology for theologies of thriving with a team of mentors in the psychological sciences.

Dr. Andrew Davison, Starbridge Associate Professor of Theology and Science, Cambridge University will serve as theological consultant for the research phase on theologies of thriving.

FUNDING

The Higher Education Institutions employing the successful applicants will receive a Research Award of \$60,000 to cover the following costs for participating researchers:

- Teaching buyout for the remote **Critical Readings Module** (weekly webinar for a semester)
- Teaching buyout for the resident **Research Workshop** (full-time for a semester at CTI)

Participants will receive traveling expenses and a \$15,000 allowance for costs while resident at CTI.

APPLY

Applicants should hold an advanced degree in Christian theology or equivalent and a full-time faculty position at an accredited Higher Education Institution.

ONLINE APPLICATION INCLUDES:

- five-page research proposal on a theology of thriving,
- writing sample of their theological scholarship,
- one-page account of cross-training's lasting impact on their work,
- cv of up to five pages,
- letter from authorized representative of the employing institution,
- two letters of reference on the proposal.

Applications Portal Open: October 1, 2022 – January 15, 2023

For more information and to apply go to ctinquiry.org/apply
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