



University of the
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Highland Theological
College

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PhD/MPhil

A Community of Faith and Scholarship

Highland Theological College UHI (HTC) is an independent non-denominational college run by its own Board and, at the same time, one of thirteen colleges and research institutions which together make up the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI). This enables HTC to retain its strongly evangelical, Reformed ethos within the university sector giving HTC a unique opportunity to impact on the training of ministers from a number of denominations.

HTC offers supervision for **MPhil and PhD research degrees** across the spectrum of theological disciplines, including the Psalms, Wisdom Literature and poetic texts of the Old Testament; Pauline theology; theological anthropology and historical apologetics; systematic, historical and philosophical theology. Previous thesis titles include:

- Matthew 1:1-17 as a Summary of Israel's Story
- Synod Secession Churches of Scotland (1733-1799)
- The Influence of Ancient Near Eastern Vassal Treaties on the Seven Prophetic Messages in Revelation
- Moses, David and the High Kingship of Yahweh: A Canonical Study
- The Significance of the Humanity and Divinity of Jesus for his Heavenly Session
- The Reformed Doctrine of the Will of God in the Theology and Pastoral Practice of Thomas Boston
- The Semantics of Tsarar (Distress) Lexemes in the Hebrew Psalter
- Time and Eternity: A Study of the 'Accidental Temporalist' View

Programme Structure

PhD degrees from HTC are fully research based and there is no taught course work.

Students can study either on a full-time or part-time basis. The PhD degree normally takes 36 months full-time and 60 months part-time. There is a six-month residency requirement for all full-time students but no residency requirement is applied to those studying part-time. However, part-time students should be prepared to travel to Scotland to meet with their supervisors at least three times per year throughout the course of their studies. We make full use of all of the modern technologies in communicating with our PhD students who are based at a distance: email, Skype and video-conferencing are all valuable assets in providing effective supervision.

Panel Commendations

Hearty commendations were made by the Revalidation Panel when the PhD programme was revalidated in June 2014, including:

'HTC is to be commended on a number of accounts: an excellent research environment and facilities; exceptional library support; excellent student/supervisor relationships; a strong sense of community and research culture for distance learners; a vibrant, engaged student community; a willing, enthusiastic core supervisor group; a supportive environment for staff to take up sabbaticals/further research activities and a realistic strategy, specifically in regards to the next REF and building research culture.'

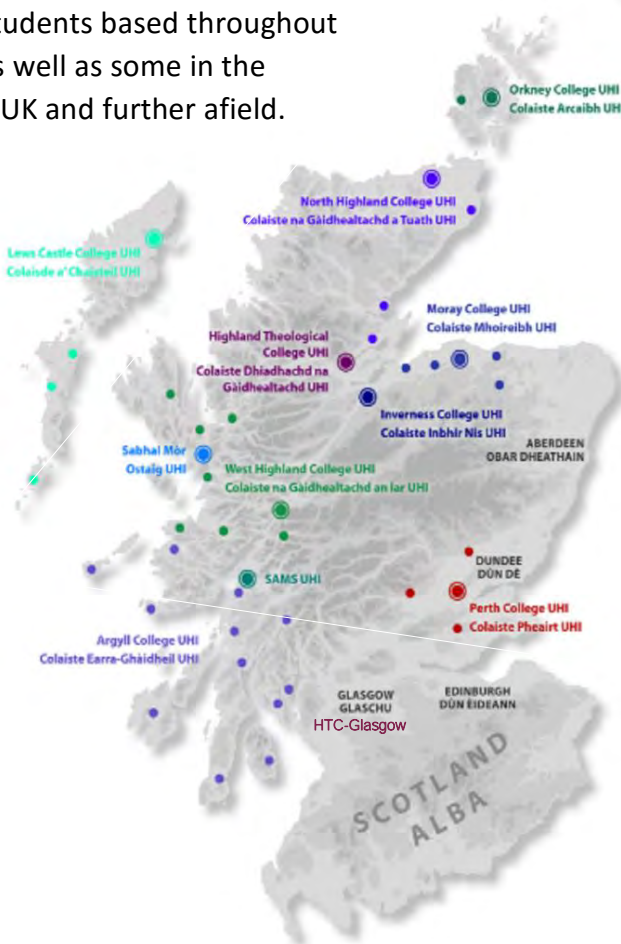
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Where are students based?

HTC's main campus is in Dingwall. HTC also has classrooms in Glasgow. Being part of the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI) network, undergraduate students may opt to study from a UHI campus near where they live. A large proportion of our students study from home, making use of the excellent technology available. See www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/studying-at-htc for more details.



We have students based throughout Scotland as well as some in the rest of the UK and further afield.



Entrance Requirements

Anyone interested in applying for PhD studies at HTC must already have a good honours degree in Theology (or the international equivalent) and should, in the first instance, send an e-mail expressing an interest in postgraduate study. This should be accompanied by a full CV (resumé), together with a 500 word outline of your proposed area of study. Places are tight in terms of our research degree programmes and we will only progress an application if we have capacity and feel that we can offer appropriate supervision. As we only have a limited number of places available, priority is normally given to applications for full-time PhD studies.

Prospective students for whom English is not a first language must attain a standard of 7.0 in the IELTS examination or its equivalent prior to application.

Please see www.htc.uhi.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-research-degrees-mphil-phd for more information.



Part-scholarships Available

HTC is pleased to offer two part-scholarships for applicants from outwith the EU applying for full-time, residential PhD studies at the College. These scholarships offer a 50% reduction in fees over the three years of full-time PhD studies.

We are particularly seeking proposals in the area of theological anthropology and we would favour applications that cross the theological disciplines to combine, for example, biblical and systematic theology or systematic and practical theology (etc.).

Questions or inquiries should be addressed for the attention of the Registry Officer on htcadmissions@uhi.ac.uk or

☎ +44(0)1349 780000. Applications should be submitted by email to htcadmissions@uhi.ac.uk sending:

- A full CV/résumé, including details of your qualifications with grades (or grades to date);
- A 1000 word research proposal;
- An indicative bibliography;
- The names and contact details of three academic referees.

Skype interviews will follow for candidates who are short-listed.



'One of the great things about HTC is the willingness of staff to develop new ideas and innovative methods for reaching and teaching a diverse and scattered student body. Students have an impressive ability to combine deep theoretical reflection with serious practical application, bring a balance to the course which makes teaching a particular pleasure.'

Professor Gerald Bray

Programme Leader

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Faculty

Students will be supervised by HTC Faculty and visiting tutors, including:

- Professor Gerald Bray
- Dr Jamie Grant, Vice-Principal
- Professor Paul Helm
- Rev Prof Andrew McGowan
- Rev Hector Morrison, Principal
- Dr Nick Needham
- Dr Robert Shillaker
- Rev Dominic Smart
- Dr Innes Visagie
- Rev Dr Alistair Wilson




'It is a great pleasure to be involved in graduate teaching and supervision at HTC. The students are well-equipped and serious about their work, as well as being good fun, and the wider community is friendly and supportive. I trust the College will go from strength to strength!' Professor Paul Helm

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