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Thank you for your interest in our PhD programme. Details about the programme, entry requirements, etc., and other relevant information can be found on our website. Please take the time to read through this information and to familiarise yourself with the contents. In addition to this, it is important to note that IBTS does not offer a residential PhD programme and most of our students study part-time.

IBTS is open to receive applications through the early autumn and forms should be completed and received by IBTS as soon as possible. The deadline for applications in the current year is 30 June.

This document includes two parts to it:

- Part 1: Application for admission PhD programme IBTS
- Part 2: Letter of reference

Please complete and return your application form with supporting documents to Megan Forster at academicadmin@ibts.eu. Referees must also send their documentation to this address as soon as possible to support your application as well.

The fees and costs of the programme are stipulated on the website and are increased annually. It is important to note that, students are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, insurance, food, and living costs while attending intensive teaching periods, Colloquia & any additional activities. If you require invitation letters for your visa's for these events in Amsterdam, please contact Megan on the above email address.

On receipt of your application, supporting documentation and references, you will be invited to an initial informal conversation regarding the programme and your proposed area of interest. In addition, your application will be considered by the academic panel, and you may be invited to take part in an interview with the Director and another member of the Centre's academic team – normally by Zoom or MS Teams.

We will be able to advise you by when a decision will be made upon receipt of your application.

Enoh Šeba
Director of IBTS Centre

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION PhD PROGRAMME IBTS

Please print clearly in block letters or type when filling-in the form. If any questions do not pertain to your situation, please write "N/A" (not applicable) in the space provided.

1. Personal Information

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| Surname: | _____ |
| First Name(s): | _____ |
| Address: | _____ |
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| Contact number: | _____ |
| Email address: | _____ |
| Date of Birth: | _____ |
| Place of Birth: | _____ |
| Current Citizenship: | _____ |
| Occupation: | _____ |
| Place of Employment: | _____ |
| Please indicate how long you have been in the above position: | _____ |

2. Educational History

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| Have you previously applied to IBTS? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, when? | _____ | | | |
| Have you previously applied to the Vrije Universiteit (VU)? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, when? | _____ | | | |
| If you are applying to IBTS for your PhD studies, please can we ask that you not apply to the VU as well. Double applications will cause confusion. | | | | |

3. Have you done any THEOLOGICAL STUDIES at another institution?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide the following information:

| Name and Location of Institution (No Abbreviations) | Degree/Date | Subjects | Year of Study From - to |
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Please list any other academic institution (post-secondary level) that you have attended.

| Name and Location of Institution (No Abbreviations) | Degree/Date | Subjects | Year of Study From - to |
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In addition, the following must also be included with your application:

| Document* | Included | Requested |
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| Official transcripts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> from all post-secondary academic Institutions where you have studied Must include the courses taken, grade earned for each, explanation of the grading system, number of credit hours for each course (where this is the system followed) | | |
| Certificates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified copy of the final award must be submitted | | |
| Resume | | |
| Copy of passport | | |
| Recent photo | | |
| References from 2 referees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please ask the referees to send their completed forms directly to academicadmin@ibts.eu | | |

*Hard copies of all the above documents must be sent to the Administrator at IBTS, The Baptist House, Postjesweg 150, 1061 AX, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. For purposes of your initial application IBTS will accept digital copies but hard/certified copies will be required for registration at VU when applicable. Digital copies should be sent to academicadmin@ibts.eu together with this completed application

4. Languages Studied

| Language | Name of the institution where you studied | Duration |
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| Greek | | |
| Hebrew | | |

5. List other languages you speak or have studied:

| Language | Name of the institution where you studied |
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6. Financial Support

How do you plan to pay for your studies: Personal, Bursary, Church Support, Other?

7. Please outline voluntary or paid engagement in Christian ministry.

8. Research Proposal

Part of the IBTS pre-registration programme is focused on helping students develop their research proposal. However, as part of the application process we want to ensure that you have given reasonable thought to your research topic and can demonstrate an awareness of the theological and methodological issues involved. Please provide the following outline information and **restrict this section on research proposal to 1,000 words:**

a. What is your proposed topic of research?

b. Please outline your reason for wishing to engage in this research.

c. What is the question you wish to answer through your research? State it as clearly and succinctly as possible.

- d. Methodology: How do you propose to go about answering the research question? What research methods will you use, how will you approach the question theologically?

- e. Where does your research fit in the context of current scholarship and what new contribution will it make to knowledge in the field?

- f. Who will be the main theological scholars with whom you will engage in your research, and why?

- 9. Any other relevant information you wish to include in support of your application.**

10. Information on References

Please forward the Letter of Reference form (on the next page) to two individuals who can provide a reference for your academic performance. Please provide their details of in the space provided below.

A reminder: The forms should be sent directly by those persons to the Administrator at IBTS at the address given. They can be e-mailed to administrator@ibts.eu.

| Name | Position/Title | Institution | Address |
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11. Emergency Information

Person to notify in the case of an emergency: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

12. Certification

I understand that I must take financial responsibility for my visa, tuition fees, health insurance, accommodation, and travel costs. Yes ☐

I certify that all the information provided with this application is true and voluntarily given. In addition, I give my permission for this information to be used by the International Baptist Theological Study Centre Amsterdam for the purpose of considering admission, academic information, and record keeping.

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| Signature: | Date: |
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PLEASE NOTE: THIS APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL IBTS HAS RECEIVED ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION. NO ADMISSION DECISION WILL BE MADE UNTIL YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE.

LETTER OF REFERENCE

Name of Applicant: _____

The above-named person has made application for admission to doctoral studies at the International Baptist Theological Study Centre (IBTS) and has requested that you serve as a reference. Your willingness to evaluate this applicant is very much appreciated and we would like to assure you that this reference is confidential. It will only be viewed by the IBTS Admissions Committee, and if requested and deemed necessary, can be viewed by the student. When completing this form, please print clearly. Upon completion, please email the form directly to the Academic Administrator at IBTS academicadmin@ibts.eu.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

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Please rate the applicant in comparison with others of similar age and position:

| Description | Superior | Excellent | Above Average | Average | Below Average | No basis for judgement |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|---------|---------------|------------------------|
| Ability in oral expression | | | | | | |
| Ability in written expression | | | | | | |
| Intellectual competence | | | | | | |
| Sense of purpose | | | | | | |
| Perseverance in achieving goals | | | | | | |
| Emotional maturity | | | | | | |
| Self-discipline and initiative | | | | | | |
| Imagination and probable creativity | | | | | | |
| Effectiveness in working with others | | | | | | |
| Social sensitivity | | | | | | |
| Past performance as a researcher | | | | | | |
| Potential as a researcher | | | | | | |
| Integrity/Character | | | | | | |

The remainder of the form requires various insights from you regarding the applicant. Your Please evaluate the applicant's reasons for undertaking research studies, ability for critical thinking and personal character. Your honest insights and statements are desired regarding the applicant's strengths and limitations and their probable effect on success in vocation and academic pursuits.

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| Signature and title: | Date: |
| Printed full name and Address: | |

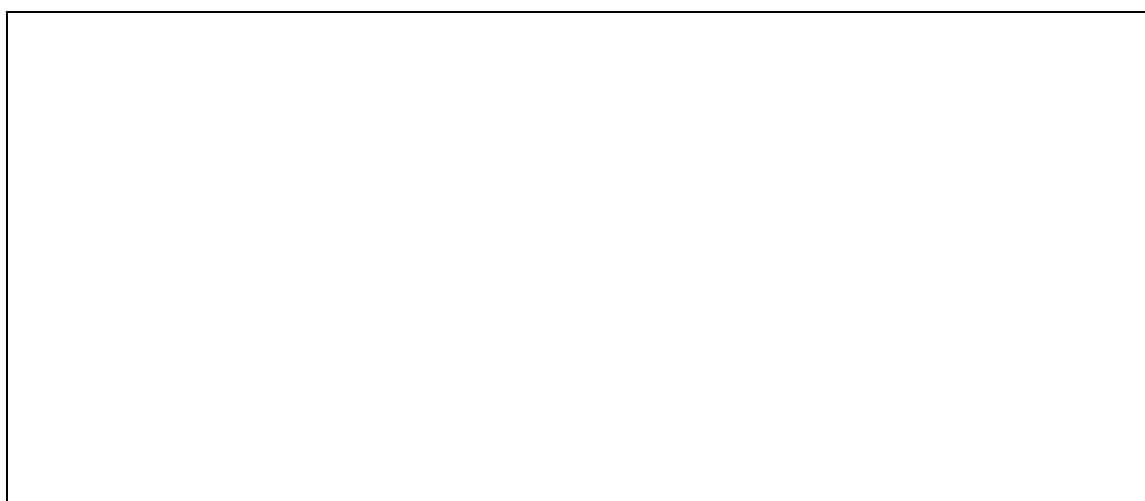
1. Please evaluate the Applicant's reasons for undertaking research studies as well as his/her ability for critical thinking and coping with the academic requirements in general.



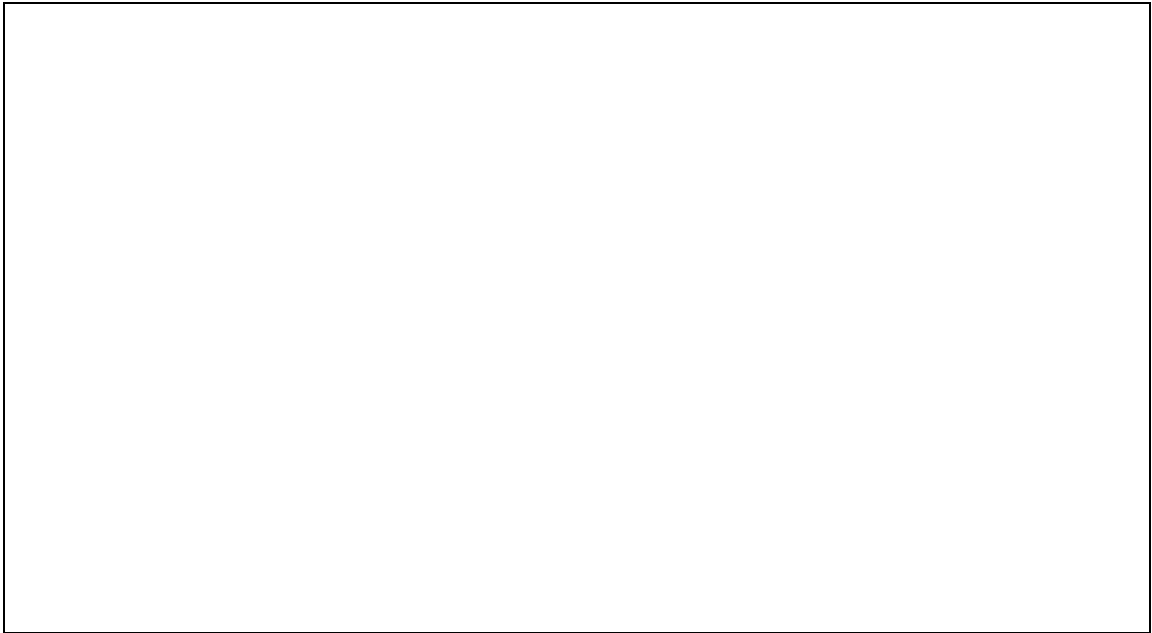
2. Please assess the applicant's strengths and limitations and their probable effect on success in his/her vocation and academic pursuits.



3. Please evaluate the applicant's personal character



4. Please describe the applicant's probable role after completion of his/her studies and if applicable your (or your organisation's) commitment to this student.



Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Much appreciated.