



Trinity College Theological School Honorary Researchers

As a member college of the University of Divinity, Trinity College Theological School (hereafter TCTS) can choose to nominate academics as honorary research staff to be recognised and accredited by the University of Divinity.

Honorary Researchers are important to the development of TCTS as a leading centre of theological research in a broad Anglican tradition. Honorary Researchers are invited to apply for small grants through the University of Divinity, are given access to TCTS's and the University of Divinity's library resources, may be eligible to apply for Australian Research Council funding, may be eligible to co-supervise HDR students, and are encouraged to present at TCTS and University of Divinity research events.

TCTS is committed to continuing to grow a pool of strong honorary researchers in order to continue to develop external relationships which in turn contribute to the ongoing work of the school to serve the church in the academy in the modern world. We, therefore, ask that honorary researchers articulate clearly the ways in which their scholarship can contribute to this work.

University of Divinity Eligibility Criteria

According to the University of Divinity's Academic Staff Policy (Reg 40.) Honorary research staff fall into one of three categories:

1. Honorary Postdoctoral Associate

A person can be nominated as an honorary Postdoctoral Associate who:

- a) is not an ongoing member of academic staff of the University; and
- b) is recognised by the University as an honorary member of the University equivalent to a Level B academic (see, Academic Staff Policy, 5); and
- c) is an early career academic who shows potential to engage in significant research in divinity or an associated discipline.

The term of appointment of a person as an Honorary Postdoctoral Associate expires on the 31 December of the year in which the person attains the fifth anniversary of the date of graduation with a doctoral qualification.

2. Honorary Research Associate

A person can be nominated as an Honorary Research Associate who:

- a) is not an ongoing member of academic staff of the University; and
- b) is recognised by the University as an honorary member of the University equivalent to a Level B or Level C academic; and
- c) is appointed for a period of up to three years; and
- d) is research active (see, Academic Staff Policy 4.3); and

e) at the time of appointment has made a recognised contribution to research equivalent to publication of at least five peer-reviewed journal articles across a five-year period and an academic monograph every five to eight years.

3. Honorary Research Fellow

A person can be nominated as an Honorary Research Fellow who:

a) is not an ongoing member of academic staff of the University; and

b) is recognised by the University as an honorary member of the University equivalent to a Level D or Level E academic; and

c) is appointed for a period of up to three years; and

d) is research active; and

e) at the time of appointment has made an internationally recognised contribution to research equivalent to publication of at least one peer-reviewed journal article every year and an academic monograph every five to eight years.

Trinity College Theological School Assessment Criteria

Upon appointment as an Honorary Researcher the researcher is located primarily in TCTS's research environment. When an appointment (or reappointment) is made, TCTS commits to supporting the development of honorary researchers' academic profiles. Therefore, we request that applicants accompany the relevant University of Divinity application (for either appointment or reappointment) with a covering letter articulating how their research is relevant to the work of the TCTS through the following criteria:

- Honorary staff will demonstrate their capacity to contribute meaningfully to the development of TCTS's research profile and culture.
- Honorary staff must demonstrate a willingness to engage with the broad constituency of TCTS. This includes, but is not limited to, the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Trinity College, relevant Anglican agencies, and the University of Divinity.
- Honorary staff are encouraged who have existing connections to the Anglican Church of Australia. TCTS is particularly committed to supporting those involved in ministry in their ongoing research and academic development.

Other important information:

- Trinity College email addresses are available only to paid employees of the College. As such, a College email address will not be able to be provided to honorary staff.

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