

Uniting College Grant Guidelines

Information on Available Grants

The Uniting College Grants Committee administers the following grants

- General Education
- Scholarships and Prizes
- Student Support
- Library Resources
- Gled-Hill Trust
- RH White Scholarships

General Education

In accordance with the Uniting College Bequests, Gifts and Grants Management By-Law the distribution from investment for this Fund will be transferred to Uniting College to help fund the staffing and operational costs of the College on an annual basis.

Scholarships and Prizes

The following Scholarships and Prizes are available to be awarded, subject to available funds, by the Committee

I. Leadership Studies Prize

As Uniting College is committed to the development and study of Christian leadership, one student each year may be awarded a prize to the value of \$1,000 for outstanding achievement in the study of Christian leadership. The faculty of Uniting College is responsible for providing a nomination with rationale to the Grants Committee.

II. Mission Pioneering

One of Uniting College's strategic objectives is to grow pioneers in innovation and invigoration. Scholarships may be awarded to Uniting Church members who are undertaking studies in Missiology at the Adelaide College of Divinity or Flinders University to further develop student's skills in these areas. Assistance may be granted in the form of fees reimbursement, living costs, travel or other related ministry costs.

III. Chaplaincy

This scholarship is for ministers who are in part-time placements or not currently in a placement. Applicants are to demonstrate an interest in pursuing this ministry and a call to develop skills in chaplaincy. The expected time commitment is half a day a week with an experienced chaplain and half a day a week of study over a one, or ideally two year period. This scholarship will enable the church to have an increased number of skilled chaplains who are able to reflect theologically and allow qualified supervisors to input into the next generation.

IV. Arnold D. Hunt Memorial Fund

This fund is to promote the study of Methodist History and theology embracing any area of Methodism inside or outside Australia, including the provision of scholarships to assist students in Australia or overseas, to finance the visit of a lecturer/s in Methodism and subsidise publications relating to Methodism. This fund was established in 2001 and has a life of 30 years.

The normal maximum amounts granted are listed in the table below.

Scholarship/Grant	Maximum Amount 2015-18 per scholarship	Maximum Amount per scholarship 2019 onwards
Academic Achievement	\$1,000	\$1,000
Mission Pioneering	\$5,000	\$3,000
Chaplaincy	\$3,000	\$2,000
Arnold D Hunt Memorial Fund	\$2,000	\$1,000

Student Support

In accordance with the Uniting College Bequests, Gifts and Grants Management By-Law, the distribution from investments from this Fund is to be directed toward the financial, physical, mental and emotional support of Uniting College students including participation in specific programs and follow-up services for students and their families.

In support of Uniting Church candidates for ministry, the Grants Committee will provide vouchers each Christmas, to the value of \$250, for each candidate who is receiving a student stipend.

The balance of available funds is to provide support for ministry candidates. Candidates don't need to apply to the Grants Committee for assistance as funds will be allocated as part of the annual assessment of candidate's financial position, undertaken in November each year.

The maximum distribution amount from the Student Support Fund for 2015 & 2016 is \$10,000 per annum.

Library Resources

In accordance with the Uniting College Bequests, Gifts and Grants Management By-Law, the distributions from the Library Fund will be transferred to the Uniting College on an annual basis to fund the purchase of library materials.

Gled-Hill Trust

The Gled-Hill Trust Scholarships are available to applicants who are members of any Protestant church in South Australia wishing to pursue an education toward the fulfilment of a Christian vocation. The Scholarships offer funding toward any approved course or training program taught at or recognised by Uniting College that will assist applicants in the pursuit of their Christian vocations.

Applications are considered on merit and a maximum of \$5,000 is available to applicants over a 3 year period.

RH White Trust Scholarships

The Uniting College Grants Committee administers the following components of the annual RH White Trust being

- Tuition Fee scholarships
- Post Graduate Living allowance Scholarships

Tuition Fee Scholarships

The Committee may award scholarships, subject to available funds to students completing VET subjects on a subject by subject basis. Students may receive a scholarship for more than one subject.

In addition the Committee may award scholarships for students that are permanent residents but not yet citizens normally for up to two higher education subjects.

Approval of the Tuition Fee scholarships is delegated to the Business Manager Uniting College, to ensure that scholarship applications are dealt with in a timely manner.

RH White Post Graduate Scholarships

The RH White Post Graduate Scholarship has been established to build the long term intellectual capital of the Uniting Church and the College by providing financial support to enable faculty, including adjunct faculty to undertake and complete post graduate qualifications.

For further details in relation to this scholarship please refer to the RH White Postgraduate Scholarships Guidelines.

Eligibility

Below is the list of each award the eligibility criteria and the basis upon which the award is made.

Award	Eligibility	Basis of Award
Leadership Studies Prize	Uniting Church members enrolled with ACD or Flinders University who are undertaking studies in the Leadership Stream	Faculty recommendation for outstanding achievement to Grants Committee with recommendation
Mission Pioneering Scholarship	Uniting Church members who are enrolled with ACD or Flinders University who are willing to undertake studies in the Missiology Stream	Merit
Chaplaincy	Uniting Church members who are enrolled with ACD or Flinders University who are willing to undertake studies in chaplaincy	Merit. Priority given to part time or ministers without placement.

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Arnold H Hunt Memorial Fund	Students undertaking studies in Methodism. Groups organising lecturers in Methodism. Purchase of publications relating to Methodism.	Merit.
Student Support	Candidates for the specified ministries of the Presbytery and Synod of South Australia	Student stipend dependent on financial need. If eligible for student stipend then also receive voucher at Christmas.
Gled-Hill Trust	Members of Protestant churches within South Australia wishing to pursue an education toward the fulfilment of a Christian vocation	Merit.
RH White Tuition Scholarship	Students enrolled with ACD	Financial need.
RH White Postgraduate Scholarship	Faculty and adjunct faculty of Uniting College	Merit and financial need.

Scholarships will be normally only be awarded for persons residing in South Australia. However the Grants Committee may choose to award a scholarship to persons residing interstate, excluding Gled-Hill Trust applicants, under the following circumstances

- The applicant has applied for and exhausted all available funding sources from the Synod as to which they reside
- Awarding of a scholarship to this applicant is in line with the strategic direction of Uniting College and the ethos of the Presbytery and Synod of South Australia.

Promotion, Application and Assessment of Applications

Uniting College will actively promote available grants to the wider Uniting Church. This is to be done in a variety of ways including providing a dedicated scholarships page on the College website, New Times and social media.

Applications are to be completed and submitted on the relevant application form providing the relevant supporting information.

The committee will meet at least four times a year to consider applications. The due date for applications will be advised by the Committee.

The Committee will only allocate scholarships to the value of available funds.

Review

The Grants Committee will review these guidelines every 12 months.