

Why a Doctor of Ministry?

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The ACOM Doctor of Ministry is an advanced professional doctorate for ministry leaders, designed to provide students with resources to enhance their leadership in the practice of Christian ministry.

Overview

This course integrates a student's vocation and calling with their context of ministry while drawing on sources of theology through the Christian tradition to develop new skills and enhance competencies in ministerial leadership. Students will have an opportunity to dive deep into their ministry context, identify a ministry challenge, and use resources from the course to design a meaningfully transformative response.

Students will also develop an advanced theology of ministry practice, while attending to their own formation and development as a ministerial leader. The Doctor of Ministry is designed to assist students to make a practical and meaningful contribution in their ministry context and beyond.

How it works

The Doctor of Ministry is designed to be flexible with self-directed learning. Students will be expected to participate in a learning cohort in the form of synchronous retreats and online facilitations.

The intention of the DMin is to develop a collegial cohort to enhance the learning experience and create a support network for the sharing of ideas and experiences. The learning cohort will assist with thesis content development and ministerial leadership formation.

The recommended timeline to complete this degree is five years part-time and is designed for experienced leaders in full time ministry. The typical degree structure will offer reading material, input from presenters, and assessments with annual thesis development milestones over the first three years.

The final two years are dedicated to thesis research implementation and writing. At the end of the program, students will produce a 60,000 word thesis for examination.

The DMin provides academic rigor through the learning cohort where praxis is the basis of reflective learning. The cohort will enable students to interact with appropriate literature while integrating their experiences of ministry into assessments that will contribute to each milestone.

The student's vocation, call and ministry context are an integral part of the program and remains the focus throughout the program.

This degree program will serve those in congregational ministry, spiritual care/chaplaincy,

church planting, para church organisations and other relevant non-profit organisations.

Students will be participant learners, bringing knowledge, wisdom, and experience into the cohort experience to enhance learning for all.

Content will resource students to complete relevant assessments post cohort gatherings.

Fee-HELP is available for eligible students. Refer to: www.studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/fee-help for criteria.

Additional out of pocket expenses include books, travel, and thesis related expenses such as editors, binding, etc...

Key dates

Applications close 30 March, 2026

Opening intensive will be held in 21-25 September, 2026

Application requirements

To qualify, applications must have the following:

- A Bachelor (Hons) or equivalent; OR a graduate degree with an 18-point research essay; OR a 12,000 word qualifying essay completed to the satisfaction of the Australian University College of Divinity Research Committee.
- At least 4 years of full time or equivalent part-time certified ministry experience.

In exceptional cases, candidates may be admitted on the grounds of professional and/or academic attainments.

How to apply

Submit an online request [here](#) to meet the Research Director.

Following this conversation, you may be invited to apply.

Applicants must provide the following documents:

- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and post-graduate work. The minimum average for grades at post graduate level must be to a high credit standard.
- Two referees who are able to comment on your research capacity

- Write a 500 word summary of research intentions including:
 - Proposed thesis title
 - Purpose and context of research
 - Proposed methodology
 - Content including sample bibliography

Acceptance to the Doctor of Ministry program is subject to the decision of Australian University College of Divinity Research Committee. Additionally, your application may require an interview with the Doctor of Ministry Program Manager. Applicants will be notified in writing prior to commencement.





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