



Grace Baptist Ministry Training Award

The Awards

The Grace Baptist Ministry Training Award will allow the creation of two fully funded scholarships from September 2013. The intention is to offer these to two men from AGBCSE affiliated churches who will have their course fees and accommodation costs fully covered whilst studying at WEST.

The successful candidate for The BA (Hons) /BD Degree Award will undertake full-time, campus-based study over three years. The successful candidate for The Binary Course Award will already possess a good honours degree in a non-theological subject. He should have a good theological understanding through his own study, church involvement or through another training course e.g. Grace Baptist Partnership, PFS or Good Book College. The Binary Course lasts two years, and leads to a Graduate Diploma and an MA in Contemporary Church Leadership.

Financial Provision

The value of the two awards is as follows:

The BA/BD Honours Degree Award (3 years) will cover the course fee (currently £6500) and the WEST residential charge (£2,100). This represents a total value of £25,800 over the 3 years.

The Binary Course Award (2 years) will cover the first year course fee (£6,500) and residential charge (£2,100), and the second year course fee (£5,995) and 6 weeks' residential charge (£300). This represents a total value of £14,895.

No other costs are covered by the awards. The accommodation provision is for one person, although a married man and his wife – without children – might be accommodated on site. Married couples with children will need to rent accommodation locally, the £2,100 pa residential element of the scholarship acting as a contribution to that cost.

The Church Training Element

A key aspect of these awards is to create a strong link with the sending church and, wherever possible, give them ownership of some practical training. The aim is to forge a training partnership between WEST, AGBCSE and the local church.

The BA/BD Honours Degree Award requires that the successful applicant will work in either his home church or another approved AGBCSE church for approximately four months when he is not at WEST (allowing one month's holiday provision in the year). The applicant and his sponsoring church will need to outline in their application what this will entail, how it will be delivered and who will be the 'lead trainer' locally. There is plenty of scope here for a wide variety of ministry and mission outlets.

The Binary Course Award already has this church-based element inherent in its structure, especially in the second year, which will be largely spent in the placement, normally the sending, church.

How to Apply

If you wish to apply please go to the WEST website (www.west.org.uk) and the Application section.

When completing the form for either the BA/BD or Binary Course, please make sure that you tick the Grace Baptist Ministry Training Award box. Please remember that applicants must come from AGBCSE affiliated churches and be committed to church ministry after formal training.

When you have completed and submitted your application please immediately send an email to Joel Morris of WEST (joelmorris@west.org.uk) and Paul Spear of AGBCSE(paul.agbcse@gmail.com) registering your application.

Interview Process

Deadlines for completed applications is the 1st June 2013 and the successful candidates will be notified after attending an interview panel in late June 2013 on a day and venue to be agreed.