



Ph.D. Opportunities for Gordon-Conwell Graduates

Are you interested in a Ph.D.? You are not alone!

Around one-third of our recently surveyed incoming students were interested in pursuing further graduate study after GCTS. Choosing a graduate degree before pursuing a Ph.D. is very important. Gordon-Conwell has been recognized by our peers as a top destination for evangelicals who wish to continue into the academy. Here are a few of the most frequently asked questions for those interested in a Ph.D.

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What degree should I choose?

The majority of our Ph.D.-bound students pursue the **Master of Divinity** or one **Master of Arts** in their area of concentration (e.g., New Testament, Church History). Those students who wish to keep open the option of ordination will pursue the Master of Divinity and sometimes the **Master of Divinity and Master of Theology** (Th.M.).



What are some advantages to studying at GCTS?



The Boston Theological Institute (BTI)

Gordon-Conwell's location just north of Boston provides access to a wealth of cultural, historical and educational opportunities. Gordon-Conwell is a part of the BTI, which is the oldest and largest academic theological consortium in the world. Through our membership in the BTI, students can take classes, access library resources, attend major lectureships and take part in interdisciplinary conferences at other member institutions.

The seven other world-class institutions in the BTI are:

- Boston College Theology Department
- Boston College School of Theology & Ministry
- Boston University School of Theology
- Harvard Divinity School
- Hebrew College
- Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- Saint John's Seminary & Theological Institute



Where can I get a Ph.D. with a GCTS degree?

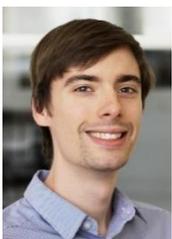
In the last few years, our alumni have been accepted at the following schools:

Harvard, Boston University, University of Texas-Austin, Emory, Princeton, Oxford, Cambridge, Trinity, Asbury, St. Andrews, Durham, Wheaton, Wycliffe College at Toronto, Yale, Boston College, Aberdeen, Toronto School of Theology, University of Manchester, Edinburgh and Brandeis - just to name a few!



Will my GCTS degree prepare me for Ph.D. research?

Here's what a few of our alumni have to say about their experience:



Sam Rogers, M.Div. '13, Th.M. '14, Ph.D. Candidate at the University of Manchester

Gordon-Conwell's Th.M. in New Testament was instrumental for my Ph.D. The professors helped clarify my own research interests and helped me secure a spot in a competitive Ph.D. program. Aside from excellent academics, my supervisors pastorally supported me throughout my degree. The Th.M. in New Testament is an excellent capstone for those seeking a Ph.D.



Dr. Megan F. DeFranza, MA (Biblical Languages) '04, MA (Theology) '04, Ph.D. in Theology from Marquette University

I knew I wanted to pursue a Ph.D. in Theology and that additional work in biblical languages and exegesis would help with credibility in the Evangelical academy. GCTS prepared me very well for the rigor of Marquette and my language skills were equal to (and at times better than) my colleagues who were pursuing Ph.D.'s in biblical studies.



Chris Williams, M.Div. '11, Th.M. '11, Ph.D. Student in Theology at the Boston College with concentration in New Testament

My experience at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary played a vital role in my development as a scholar. My professors at Gordon-Conwell exposed me to the current trends of modern scholarship and sound methodological approaches to biblical interpretation. The commitment to academic rigor and biblical scholarship at GCTS prepared me to continue following God's call on my life.



Gina Zurlo, MA (Religion) '09, Ph.D. Candidate in History and Hermeneutics at Boston University School of Theology

What really encouraged me to pursue Ph.D. work was my interaction with Todd Johnson and the Center for the Study of Global Christianity. In my case, I had gained a penchant for a niche field that required me to have an advanced degree to do it professionally.



Jim Neumann, MDiv '14, Th.M. '15, Ph.D. Student in New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary

I chose Gordon-Conwell because I recognized it as a school that offers rigorous academic preparation alongside a firm commitment to the authority of Scripture, as well as service to the church and the world. GCTS did not disappoint.



Alex Kato, M.Div. '15, Ph.D. Student in Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary

I most benefitted from relationships with GCTS faculty, especially a couple, in my area of focus (preaching) who mentored me both academically and personally. It was such a

privilege to work under leaders whom I hope to emulate in many spheres of life.



Uchenna Anyanwu, M.Div. '15, MA (World Missions & Evangelism) '15, Ph.D. Student in Intercultural Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary

Gordon-Conwell prepared me for my present studies in two ways. First, in the area of biblical languages which provided me with

strong exegetical tools and knowledge to engage and wrestle with issues I am now encountering in my doctoral studies and research. Second, courses I took at GCTS in Islamic Studies, Church History, Research Methods, Ethics and Global Christianity are all coming together now to form an interconnected web of tools that are facilitating my doctoral studies.



Jim Thomforde, MA (Theology) '02, MA (Church History) '11, Ph.D. Candidate in Theology from the University of Edinburgh

When I was first approaching my seminary studies, preparing for a Ph.D. in theology was not the initial plan; however this direction emerged and was confirmed through my education and experience at GCTS. I benefited from the breadth of coursework offered by GCTS, and professors such as Dr. Rosell. Local pastors also provided me with mentorship and the opportunity to teach in the local church setting. GCTS provided me with the mentors and experience that were crucial to confirming my calling toward a Ph.D. and teaching.



Andrew Jones, MACH '14, Ph.D. Student in Church History at the University of Edinburgh

GCTS prepared me for a PhD in three ways. It provided me with a graduate school training in rigorous and well-supervised research, an exposure of the academic lifestyle and an experience in academic community. My 30,000 word MA thesis gave me a taste for the depth, breadth, and process of the postgraduate experience.



David Westfall, M.Div. '14, Ph.D. Student in New Testament at the University of St. Andrews

I am grateful for the many skills that my program at GCTS taught me that I use on a daily basis in my Ph.D. studies. Gordon-Conwell's M.Div. program and excellent faculty taught me to regard biblical scholarship as an act of discipleship and doxology, a way of following Jesus and celebrating the scriptural witness to God's saving work in the world through him.

Locations

The Hamilton campus now serves as the main campus out of four as we train students to **think theologically, engage globally and live biblically** wherever they are called.

- South Hamilton, Massachusetts (Main Campus-Residential)
- Boston, Massachusetts (Center for Urban Ministerial Education)
- Charlotte, North Carolina
- Jacksonville, Florida

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