



### **Global Compact Mission Bursary**

The Global Compact Mission Bursary at SPPU is our response and commitment to the values of inclusive, transformative, and socially responsible education. Named in honour of Pope Francis' 2019 Global Compact on Education, and his vision for a global educational community that fosters dialogue, solidarity, and the common good, this bursary supports students from diverse backgrounds, enabling access to higher education regardless of financial barriers.

It encourages academic excellence, intercultural understanding, and leadership in service of society. By nurturing future changemakers, the bursary reflects our mission to advance a learning environment grounded in ethical responsibility, social justice, and global citizenship.

For more information: [Global Compact on Education](#)

- The 'Global Compact Mission Bursary' is equivalent to half the International Fee.
- You are welcome to raise the Global Compact Mission Bursary during the admissions process.
- The final decision remains with the dean of the relevant faculty and the Dean of Postgraduate Studies. Their decision is final.
- Postgraduate applicants considering applying for a 'Global Compact Mission Bursary' must fulfil one of the following criteria:
  - A priest incardinated into a Roman Catholic diocese;
  - a member of a Roman Catholic religious congregation;
  - be financially sponsored by a Roman Catholic diocese/religious congregation;
  - financially sponsored by an internationally recognised church organisation.

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## Future Ministerial and Teaching Pathways

Regarding postgraduate programmes at St. Patrick's Pontifical University, there is an important consideration for those who intend to pursue postgraduate study.

Those who teach in seminaries or other pontifically established higher education institutions must hold a canonical degree. The apostolic constitution on ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties, (*Veritatis Gaudium*, 2018) states:

Teachers (Apostolic Constitution, Section III, Articles 19):

- Art 19 § 2. In the Faculties of Theology and Canon Law, *if the discipline is sacred or connected with the sacred, the Doctorate must normally be canonical. In the event that the Doctorate is not canonical, at least the canonical Licentiate is required.*
- Art 19 § 3. In all other Faculties, if the teacher has neither a canonical Doctorate nor a canonical Licentiate, he or she can be appointed as a permanent teacher only on condition that his or her formation is coherent with the identity of an Ecclesiastical Faculty ...

Ordinarily this means either a canonical Doctorate (DD) nor a canonical Licentiate (STL) is required to teach Theology at a seminary or other ecclesiastical higher institution. A Master's level qualification may not be sufficient. It is recommended that such candidates consider the Licentiate pathway.

***If you may be teaching in the future and you think this applies to you, please raise the issue during the admissions process.***