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**APPLICATION FORM**

**Ph.D. Inter-religious Studies Programme  
Center for the Study of Religions (CSR)  
Institute for the Study of African Realities (ISAR)**

**1. FULL NAMES (Please print clearly)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Family First Middle

Name(s) on previous records, if different from above

Title (bar those that do not apply): Rev. / Dr. / Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / Ms.

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**2. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Tel.: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Use only:**

Date application form received: .....  
Date application file complete: .....  
Admission (give dates of the following decisions):  
    Recommended: .....  
    Deferred: .....  
    Rejected: .....  
*[Attach a clear statement of reasons for an application that is deferred or rejected]*

**PART 1: OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**3. OTHER PERSONAL DATA**

Male   
Female

**4. BIRTHDATE**

Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. NATIONALITY**

Country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport No: \_\_\_\_\_ ID No. (Kenyans): \_\_\_\_\_

**6. OCCUPATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Full time:  Part time:

**7. CHURCH AFFILIATION**

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Present Church Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ how long? \_\_\_\_\_

**8. MARITAL STATUS**

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**9. SPOUSE'S NAME (if applicable)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Family First Middle Before marriage  
Name(s) on previous records, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

**10. CHILDREN (if applicable)**

How many children will accompany you during your time at AIU?

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## PART 2: PREVIOUS EDUCATION

### 11. COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY / SEMINARY EDUCATION

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>DATES</u>		<u>CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA or DEGREE OBTAINED</u> ( tick Yes if completed and No if not)			<u>DATE OF AWARD</u>
	From	To	Name of cert. and final grade	Yes	No	

**You must send copies of Masters’ certificates, diplomas and degrees you hold from all of the above institutions with your application. Your application will not be processed without these. Each copy should carry your own handwritten and signed statement: “I solemnly declare that this certificate is my own, and has not been altered in any way.” You must present the original certificates for verification upon your arrival at AIU, before you can register in any programme.**

- a) *Applicants must hold a MA or MDiv degree from an academics institution recognized by the Commission of Higher Education of the government of Kenya, or by ACTEA or ICHE, in one of the following disciplines: Theology, Church History, Biblical Studies, or Missions. This will normally include; (1) at least 12 quarter credits (or the equivalent) of biblical studies of which at least 3 quarter credits are in OT and 3 quarter credits are in NT; (2) at least 9 quarter credits (or the equivalent) of theology; (3) at least 9 quarter credits (or the equivalent) of church history, which must include a course in African church history; (4) at least 9 quarter credits (or the equivalent) of missions studies..*
- b) *Applicants are normally expected to remove any deficiencies in their education before admission to the programme.*
- c) *Applicant are required to acquire a Recognition and Equation of qualifications (R.E. Q) certificate (for foreign certificates only). This is to be done through the Kenyan Government.*

### 12. PREVIOUS THESIS WORK

Did you write a thesis, dissertation or project in your Masters studies?

Yes:

No:

If yes, give the title of the thesis and attach a full copy of the thesis.

Thesis Title: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: If your postgraduate degree did not require a thesis, you must submit a copy of a recent academic paper or published article of theological relevance.*

### 13. DISMISSALS AND PROBATION

Have you ever been denied admission to or been dismissed from any institution, or have you been on disciplinary probation in any institution you have listed in Qn.11 above, for either academic or moral reasons? If "yes" provide a short, accurate explanation on a separate paper.

Yes:

No:

### 14. LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

Mother Tongue \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following languages do you have working knowledge and competency in?

English:  French

German:  Portuguese:

Greek (NT):  Hebrew:

Arabic:

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NB:

Applicants must present evidence in one of the following language competencies: (i) three terms at MA-level (or the equivalent) of at least one biblical language (Koine Greek or classical Hebrew); (ii) German (competence in reading theological literature); (iii) French (competence in reading theological literature); (iv) fluency in the language of the culture on which the applicant proposes to do research.

Competence in German and French may be demonstrated by means of University transcripts or of a certificate (for example from the Goethe Institute or the Alliance Française), or by means of a translation test administered by the Theology PhD Programme. The French or German competency can be fulfilled whilst enrolled in the program.

## PART 3: WORK EXPERIENCE

### 15. PROFESSIONAL OR ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Give details of any professional or academic conferences which you have attended, and any papers you have presented (Conference, date, title of paper).

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### 16. PUBLICATIONS

If you have written and published any work, please give details below.

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### 17. OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

On separate paper, submit a résumé / CV of all other relevant work experience and further study since leaving secondary school.

**Part 4: application for the PhD study programme**

18. Why do you want to do doctoral studies?

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19. How will a doctoral degree contribute to your Christian service?

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**20. TENTATIVE THESIS PROPOSAL.**

What areas of Theology are you especially interested in?

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Give a working title for a proposed doctoral dissertation topic.

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In not more than 4 A4 pages write a dissertation proposal which includes the following items: (a) research problem (including the background and motivation for the research, as well as a problem statement); (b) purpose statement; (c) research questions; (d) research objectives; (e) methodology; (f) significance of the research; (g) bibliography

## **SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT to the doctoral programme**

Please sign and return this application form, duly completed so as to reach the Registrar before **15<sup>th</sup> June which** are the application **deadlines** for September enrolment.

(a) In signing this application form, I promise, if accepted as a student, to be subject to regulations governing the social, educational and spiritual standards of AIU.

(b) I affirm that all statements on this application are true to the best of my knowledge, and understand that misrepresentation may lead to dismissal.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND ALL ENCLOSURES  
(See lists below) TO THE REGISTRAR.**

**The Registrar,  
Africa International University  
PO Box 24686  
Karen 00502  
Nairobi, Kenya.  
registrar@africainternational.edu**

**Other Documents to submit in Application  
For the PhD programme**

**1. STATEMENT OF FAITH:**

On separate sheets of paper write briefly your understanding of each article of the AIU statement of faith (enclosed).

**2. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

*Complete this section on separate sheets of paper (approximately 1 page for each part).*

1. Explain in several paragraphs how you became a Christian and how you know that you had a definite conversion experience.
2. Since becoming a Christian, how have you matured spiritually? How do you face the day to day challenges of life?
3. What evidence is there that God is calling you to the ministry for which you are seeking training at AIU?
4. What is your vision in terms of ministry upon graduation?

**3. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM (EPE)**

Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in written and spoken English. Applicants whose previous university studies have not been conducted in English must submit a TOEFL score of at least 600 (paper version) or the equivalent: a TOEFL CBT (computer version) score of at least 200; a TOEFL IBT (internet version) score of at least 100; an IELTS score of at least 8; or a Cambridge Exam ranking of at least CPE.

Please put a tick in the appropriate box if you have already taken an English proficiency test:

- TOEFL       IELTS       Other standard test. If so, state which \_\_\_\_\_

If you have not taken any of these, indicate intended test date: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. REFERENCES**

On a separate paper, provide a typed list of four referees who are not relatives. Each referee will be required to provide a competent written recommendation on your behalf.

Each reference should list (1) name, (2) mailing address, (3) telephone, mobile, fax numbers, and (4) email address for contact.

- 1) Two professors under whom you have studied at Master's level.
- 2) Your present or most recent employer.
- 3) An experienced supervisor at work to whom you report and who is in a position to provide a recommendation of your proficiency.
- 4) The Pastor of your Church who has known you for more than one year.

**5. SPOUSE'S STUDIES**

Spouses of applicants who intend to pursue educational studies while at A.I.U must submit a separate application form.

# Africa International University

## HEALTH DECLARATION

The AIU doctoral programme is an arduous four year period. It is important that each student enjoys a high level of good health. We therefore request that you complete the following questions.

- a) Specify any form of disability which requires you to have special consideration in housing, seminars, travel, or food (e.g., sight, hearing, and physical mobility).

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- b) Will your church, Para-church organisation, or employer cover your family's health costs while you are at NEGST?

Yes:

No:

- c) Will you subscribe to the AIU health scheme? This is mandatory to all resident students

Yes:

No:

- d) Do you agree to undergo a rigorous physical examination in Nairobi before registering?

Yes:

No:



## SENDING ORGANISATION DECLARATION

Is a church, Para-church organization, or other institution sending you for doctoral studies?

Yes:

No:

Will this organization receive you back into their employment after you complete these studies?

Yes:

No:

Give the name, address and other contact of the person in your sending organisation who will provide a written commitment to release you for studies and receive you back afterwards.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCES

How do you anticipate financing your studies? Explain how you expect to have your studies funded:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any donor organization or foundation that has made any commitment? Please provide name(s) and contact addresses of the specific organisations, if any.

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Students who will require some help to meet study costs must request such in a separate letter. Note carefully that no student can be admitted without the strong commitment of his/her sponsors, or without assurance that all costs for the four year programme will be met in full.



# Recommendation Form Professor

## Ph.D. Program, Africa International University

Indicate the concentration to which you are applying:

- PhD in Theology – Systematic theology       PhD in Theology -Theology and Development.  
 PhD in Theology -Theology and Culture.       PhD in Theology –Practical Theology

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommender

*Africa International University requires applicants to submit letters of recommendation. The recommendation form is to be completed and returned in a sealed envelope to AIU whose address appears below.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution or Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you if we have additional questions?  Yes       No

*Write as fully as you can about the candidate. We are looking for applicants with strong intellectual capacity and sufficient preparation to successfully complete the school's program.*

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. What do you consider the applicant's strengths?

3. What do you consider the applicant's weaknesses?

4. Describe an activity or program in which the applicant has been involved that displays his/her leadership ability or potential.
5. What do you feel would be the applicant's greatest difficulty in an intensive graduate school program? Does the applicant need any additional preparation?

Rate the applicant in the areas indicated below.

	Unable to Comment	Marginal (Lower 50%)	Average (Top 50%)	Good (Top 25%)	Excellent (Top 10%)	Superior (Top 3%)	Equal to the Best
Intellectual ability							
Analytic frame of mind							
Problem-solving skills							
Time management skills							
Quality of oral expression							
Quality of written expression							
Motivation and initiative							
Leadership							
Organization							
Sense of Humor							
Emotional maturity							
Ability to work with others							
Professional integrity							
Research ability							
Potential as a university lecturer							

6. Please check one of the following: I  strongly recommend  recommend  do not recommend the applicant.
7. Please make any additional comments about the applicant's potential or personal qualities which you feel would be helpful for the admissions committee.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Day/Month/Year*

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# Recommendation Form Pastor

## Ph.D. Program, Africa International University

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 PhD in Theology -Theology and Culture.       PhD in Theology –Practical Theology

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Recommender

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution or Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you if we have additional questions?  Yes       No

*Write as fully as you can about the candidate. We are looking for applicants with strong spiritual maturity, intellectual capacity, and sufficient preparation to successfully complete the school's program.*

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Is the applicant living a consistent Christian life?

3. What do you consider the applicant's strengths? Weaknesses?

4. Describe an activity or program in which the applicant has been involved that displays his/her leadership ability or potential.
  
5. What do you feel would be the applicant's greatest difficulty in an intensive graduate school program? Does the applicant need any additional preparation?

*Rate the applicant in the areas indicated below.*

	Unable to Comment	Marginal (Lower 50%)	Average (Top 50%)	Good (Top 25%)	Excellent (Top 10%)	Superior (Top 3%)	Equal to the Best
Spiritual life							
Purposefulness							
Teachability							
Dependability							
Judgment							
Initiative							
Quality of work							
Attitude							
Creativity							
Influence on others							
Leadership							
Emotional maturity							
Ability to work with others							
Integrity							

6. Please check one of the following: I  strongly recommend  recommend  do not recommend the applicant.
  
7. Please make any additional comments about the applicant's potential or personal qualities which you feel would be helpful for the admissions committee.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Day/Month/Year*

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# Recommendation Form Employer

## Ph.D. Program, Africa International University

Indicate the concentration to which you are applying:

- PhD in Theology – Systematic theology       PhD in Theology -Theology and Development.  
 PhD in Theology -Theology and Culture.       PhD in Theology –Practical Theology

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Recommender

*Africa International University requires applicants to submit letters of recommendation. The recommendation form is to be completed and returned in a sealed envelope to AIU whose address appears below.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution or Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you if we have additional questions?  Yes       No

*Write as fully as you can about the candidate. We are looking for applicants with strong intellectual capacity and sufficient preparation to successfully complete the school's program.*

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. What do you consider the applicant's strengths?

3. What do you consider the applicant's weaknesses?

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Intellectual ability							
Analytic frame of mind							
Problem-solving skills							
Time management skills							
Quality of oral expression							
Quality of written expression							
Motivation and initiative							
Leadership							
Organization							
Sense of Humor							
Emotional maturity							
Ability to work with others							
Professional integrity							
Research ability							
Potential as a university lecturer							

6. Please check one of the following: I  strongly recommend  recommend  do not recommend the applicant.
  
7. Please make any additional comments about the applicant's potential or personal qualities which you feel would be helpful for the admissions committee.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Day/Month/Year*

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**AIU STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Africa International University is founded on the Bible and its revelation of Jesus Christ. Its constitution enshrines the Statement of Faith of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa, which reads as follows: -

We believe in: -

- (i) THE HOLY SCRIPTURES of the Old and the New Testament (a total of 66 Books) are the Word of God. It is divinely inspired, infallible, inerrant, and entirely trustworthy and serves as a supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct (2 Tim.3: 16-17).
- (ii) GOD is ONE. The one God is eternally self-existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Deut.6:4-5; Mt. 28:19)
- (iii) JESUS CHRIST is Saviour and Lord. As God, He was manifest in the flesh. We believe His virgin birth; His sinless human life; His divine miracles; His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection; His ascension; His mediatorial work; and His future personal return in Power and Glory (Lk.1: 32-33; Jn.1: 1-4; 1 Tim.2: 5-6; 6:13-16).
- (iv) HOLY SPIRIT is God. As the third Person in the Godhead, He indwells every believer upon conversion and enables the believer to live a holy life; to witness in power; and to work for the Lord Jesus Christ (Act. 5:3-4; Mt.28: 19; Acts.1: 8).
- (v) HUMAN BEINGS were made in the image of God and sinless. By choice, humans fell out of favour into sin. In God’s mercy, SALVATION comes to every lost and sinful person freely and simply by faith in Jesus Christ who shed His blood for sin, and through regeneration by the Holy Spirit (Gen.1: 26-28; 3:1-21; Jn.1: 11-13, 1Cor. 12:13).
- (vi) All believers in Jesus Christ are ONE BODY, the Church, of which He is the Head (1 Cor. 12:13; Eph.2: 14-22).
- (vii) SATAN is a fallen angel whose intent is to supplant God and frustrate His purpose, and whose ultimate end is consignment to eternal punishment (Lk. 10:17-18; Rev. 20:10).
- (viii) BODILY RESURRECTION of all the dead will take place someday. Believers in Christ will rise unto everlasting blessedness while unbelievers will rise unto judgement and everlasting punishment (Rev. 20:11-15; 2 Cor.5: 9-10).

Please sign below if you subscribe with the AIU “Statement of Faith”

Applicant name : .....

Signature : .....

Date : .....