

Council on Theological Scholarship and Research invites proposals from ATS faculty

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The Council on Theological Scholarship and Research of ATS, with the generous support of the Henry Luce Foundation, is pleased to invite proposals for innovative research projects in theological studies to be conducted during the 2022–23 academic year. Full-time faculty members at ATS schools are invited to apply.



Applications are due by June 1, 2022

(emailed as a PDF to laughery@ats.edu), and must include:

- A brief description of the project and its significance, including implications for further study (250 words)
- A statement of the goals of the project (200 words)
- A description of the process or work plan of the project (200 words)
- Plans for dissemination (200 words)
- Budget (up to \$50,000) (200 words)
- Signature(s) of the academic dean(s) of all faculty persons involved
- Abbreviated curriculum vitae of each faculty person involved that features research, presentations, and/or experience relevant to the project
- Names and contact information for three references

The Council will assess proposals based on academic excellence, potential influence in public theologies, and how likely the proposal is to yield insights through its innovative design. Five grants of up to \$50,000 each will be awarded and announced by August 1, 2022.

These projects are a significant element in the Council's discernment of what grant opportunities are the most promising and the most needed for ATS faculty members following the end of the long-running and successful Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology program.

"The Council encourages projects that foster excellence in theological scholarship in new and creative ways for the sake of faith communities, theological schools, and/or broader publics," said Stephen Graham, strategic director of context and continuity at ATS.

Projects may accomplish this innovative scholarship in a variety of ways, including one or more of the following:

- **Attention to matters of pressing public concern**
- **Collaboration** between theological scholars of different cultures or ethnicities or backgrounds or ecclesial traditions or experience, and/or between theological scholars and specialists in other sectors of society (journalists, medical experts, artists, scientists, etc.)
- **New methods, including interdisciplinary engagement** by which to consider traditional theological subjects
- **Modes of dissemination** that may include academic and trade publications, public lectures, and

presentations to concerned publics through the media, social media, blogs, podcasts, video, or artistic venues

Grant recipients will be invited to participate in a conference in late fall 2022 to share and assess their ongoing projects, which must be completed during the 2022–23 academic year. A final report is due by August 1, 2023. Please email [Monica Laughery](mailto:Monica.Laughery@ats.edu), ATS program assistant for initiatives and faculty development, for more information.



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