Opportunities for scholars

These opportunities are shared as a service to the faculty and students at ATS member schools. ATS does not have any role in funding or awarding these opportunities. All inquiries and applications should be directed to the organizations sponsoring the opportunities.

Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE)
FASPE offers a fully-funded two-week summer program in Berlin and Poland to study religious leadership during the Holocaust and contemporary religious ethics. The program is nondenominational and is open to currently enrolled graduate students preparing to serve as religious leaders at a seminary, divinity school, or other graduate program. It is also open to clergy who received an MDiv or seminary degree between January 2015 and January 2017. Deadline: December 20, 2016

Call for Scholars: Interreligious Explorations of Homelessness
Seattle University’s School of Theology and Ministry has launched a new Center for Religious Wisdom and World Affairs, and the Center is seeking to bring together theologians and scholars of religion from a variety of faith traditions and disciplines to explore the ways in which religious wisdom and the resources of faith communities can lend assistance in the analysis, diagnosis, and community responses needed to address the problem of homelessness. The opportunity involves attendance at two symposia in April 2017 and 2018 at Seattle University, a paper presentation, covered travel expenses, an honorarium, and publication. Deadline for application: December 12, 2016
https://seattleu.edu/stm/grants--initiatives/center/call-for-scholars-interreligious-explorations-of-homelessness/

International Essay Competition for Faculty and Seminarians in Roman Catholic Seminaries
This competition invites exploration of a scientific discovery, advance, event, or issue that has informed or impacted personal vocation and ministry. Topics to explore may include spirituality and health, consciousness after death, the connection between physical and spiritual healing, positive psychology and spiritual formation, the effect of concussions sustained in sports, advances in Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s diseases, addiction, hospice, immunology and the brain, the psychology of terrorism, multiverses, life on other planets, robotics, the measurable effect of forgiveness, or another topic of choice. Cash awards are available for both faculty and student winners. Deadline for submissions: November 3, 2016; Awards will be announced January 15, 2017.
http://semscience.net/home/essay-competition/

Fuller Theological Seminary’s PLPIT sermon-writing challenge
PLPIT’s goal is to provide support for increasing the use of science in sermons, and to bring scientific research into the pulpit. Through a grant from John Templeton Foundation, they are able to host two sermon writing challenges this academic year to seminary students. Their first challenge—open now—will involve students integrating gratitude-related scientific research in a sermon. Applicants must be from a Protestant, Roman Catholic, or Eastern Orthodox denomination. A total of six prizes will be awarded to six winning sermons, with first, second, and third place winners receiving cash awards and donations to their respective ministries.
http://www.plpit.com