

Imagination Grant Application

The aim of the "Imagination Grant" program is to enhance students' vocational aspirations by extending educational programming at Vanderbilt Divinity School by providing seed funding for special projects that address issues of religion in the global context. These grants seek to advance global learning, theological reflection, leadership skills, and fund awards that are initiated and inspired by students rather than by standard summer internships (CPE, missionary work, camp counseling, etc.).

Awardees are competitively selected on the basis of their proposals, which should outline a course of study, research, travel and/or experiential engagement that advances global learning and leadership skills. Projects may be local, regional, national or international. Projects may not bear academic credit, nor may the grant subsidize tuition, fees or travel for Vanderbilt coursework. Travel shall not interfere with regularly scheduled academic requirements.

Amounts requested may range from \$250- \$2500.

A successful proposal will be no more than five pages and will include:

- A brief biographical statement about the student, his/her vocational and academic goals, previous preparatory study, and future degree program plans;
- A detailed description of the project envisioned;
- A budget for the proposed project, listing the student's expected contribution;
- A project work plan with calendar deadlines.

All applications should include two letters of reference (at least one of which by a VDS faculty) that attest to the student's eligibility to carry out the goals of the proposal and ability to complete the proposed project successfully. Referees may submit letters via email to Graham Reside (graham.b.reside@vanderbilt.edu).

Grant applications are due by **March 15, 2023** to Graham Reside (graham.b.reside@vanderbilt.edu). Award decisions will be made by **March 31, 2023**

Grantees must complete their projects within one year of receiving the grant, provide a written final report on their projects (identifying key insights and their impact on their vocational and academic development) to the Imagination Grant Committee, provide a blog post and photo journal, and showcase their project at an Imagination Grant event

(date TBD). Graduating students must complete all elements of grant before graduating.

Email *

First and Last Name *

Degree Program *

What is your projected graduation date? *

Please provide a brief biographical statement about your vocational and academic goals, previous preparatory study, and future degree program plans *

Please provide a detailed description of the project envisioned (label the document LastnameFirstname_Project) *

Please provide a detailed budget for the proposed project, and include your expected student contribution (label the document LastnameFirstname_Budget) *

Please upload any additional files we may need to consider with your application.

Is there any additional information we need to consider your application?