



## Spiritual and Religious Life Scholarships and Mentorships 2020-21 Academic Year

Completed applications must be submitted to Student Financial Services Jones 019, by March 31, 2020

If you have questions or would like to discuss these awards, please contact University Chaplain Rev. Dave Wright, [chaplain@pugetsound.edu](mailto:chaplain@pugetsound.edu).

The Religious Leadership Award program was established to assist students interested in both on-campus and lifelong religious leadership, including both ordained and lay Christian ministry; leadership as a Rabbi, Imam, Monk, Priest, Cantor, or other leader, including non-ordained leadership roles; professional work in faith community music leadership; and a wide range of music, missionary, service, youth, educational, and outreach activities. Some awards are given priority based on spiritual or religious identity, but most are open to all students. These are all one-year awards; however, students who continue with an interest in professional religious careers are encouraged to reapply each year. Students are eligible to receive more than one of these awards.

### This application will be used for the following awards:

- **Religious Leadership Award: \$2,000-\$5,000** – Several awards will be offered to qualified students who have demonstrated spiritual or religious leadership either on campus or in an off-campus community.
- **Spiritual Life Leaders Mentorship: \$5,000-\$8,000** – Several recipients will be chosen; Spiritual Life Leaders commit to spiritual/religious leadership through the University Chaplaincy for 3-8 hours per week. Final candidates may be invited to interview with the selection committee.
- **Cyrus Ames Wright Scholarship: \$2,500-\$8,000** – Varying amounts awarded to several students based on their interest in pursuing professional religious or spiritual leadership (rabbi, pastor, cantor, priest, monk, educator, religious camp, church musician, etc.)
- **K. James Davis Chaplain's Award for Spirituality and Social Justice: \$2,000** – One award given to a student who has offered leadership to the campus at the intersection of spirituality and social justice.

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Award-specific questions: Beyond the general Religious Leadership Award, Puget Sound offers the following three types of religious leadership scholarships:

1. Spiritual Life Leaders Mentorship
2. Cyrus Ames Wright Scholarship
3. K. James Davis Chaplain's Award for Spirituality and Social Justice

Please follow the instructions below for each of the awards you wish to be considered for.

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**Spiritual Life Leaders Mentorship 2020-21:**

1. Please indicate which types of engagement interest you (check one or several options):
  - a. \_\_\_ Leadership related to underrepresented religious/spiritual communities (Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, Baha'i, Sikh, Pagan, and more...)
  - b. \_\_\_ Leadership related to campus Jewish communities
  - c. \_\_\_ Leadership related to campus Christian communities
  - d. \_\_\_ Education related to religious diversity
  - e. \_\_\_ Spiritual wellbeing and growth
  - f. \_\_\_ Professional religious/spiritual leadership
  - g. \_\_\_ General Spiritual Life Leadership
  - h. \_\_\_ Other (please write a paragraph about what you're interested in!)
  
2. In up to 2 single spaced pages, tell us about your interest in the type(s) of spiritual leadership that you've noted above. Possible things to consider sharing include:
  - a. Why does this work matter to or interest you?
  - b. What would you hope to accomplish as an Interfaith Coordinator?
  - c. As a Spiritual Life Scholar, how would you hope to grow in your own identity and sense of self?
  - d. If you indicated multiple areas of engagement in part 1, please share which one excites you the most and why.

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**Cyrus Ames Wright Scholarship 2020-21:**

1. Please write a 2-3 page, single-spaced essay that describes your sense of call or purpose in pursuing professional/committed religious or spiritual leadership. The essay should address:
    - a. What significant professional, ordained, personal, lay, or volunteer leadership options related to your spiritual/religious tradition are of most interest to you?
    - b. How are you working to develop and grow towards that type of significant leadership in your tradition?
    - c. How do you understand the relationship of your Puget Sound education with long-term leadership in your religious or spiritual tradition?
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**K. James Davis Chaplain's Award for Spirituality and Social Justice 2020-21:**

Please write a 1-page, single-spaced response to this prompt:

How do you understand the relationship between spirituality and social justice, and how have you worked to pursue both as a Puget Sound student?

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I agree that if I am selected for this scholarship, the university may supply information regarding my academic performance and other information (such as, but not limited to, the information submitted with the application) to the scholarship donor or other individuals or groups involved with the administration of this scholarship.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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