

John Templeton Foundation: [Psychological Science Cross-Training for Christian Theology](#)

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Submission Limitations: None
Foundation Deadlines: **August 20, 2021**
Foundation Website: <https://www.templeton.org/internal-competiton-fund/psychological-science-cross-training-for-christian-theology>

Opportunity Overview:

The John Templeton Foundation is pleased to announce a new funding competition entitled, “**Psychological Science Cross-Training for Christian Theology**,” to support cross-training in psychological science for theologians.

The Foundation’s overall objective is to help theologians, philosophers of religion, and scholars in religious studies better position themselves to conduct research in conversation and collaboration with scientists on topics at the intersection of Christian theology (broadly construed) and the psychological sciences.

This RFP provides an opportunity for cross-training in psychological sciences, which is understood to include: cognitive, social, personality, moral, developmental, evolutionary, and cultural psychology; cognitive anthropology; behavioral economics; cognitive science; and cognitive and social neuroscience.

By “cross-training,” the Foundation refers to activities intended to help theologians, philosophers of religion, and scholars in religious studies:

- Increase their fluency in responsibly and critically engaging primary scientific literature
- Foster a sense of scholarly identity that values and seeks out the potential relevance of science to theological inquiry
- Equip themselves with accessible, theologically sensitive scholarly resources that allow them to learn about the latest research in psychological science
- Build cross-disciplinary scholarly relationships with psychological scientists, in hopes of seeding future research collaborations.

Award Details:

For this award, there are two levels of requested support allowed:

1. **Small Grants:** Requested Amount is Less Than or Equal to \$234,800
2. **Large Grants:** Requested Amount is Greater Than or Equal to \$234,801

The Foundation allows up to fifteen percent (15%) for indirects/overhead.

Application Process:

The application process begins with an Online Funding Inquiry (OFI) on the John Templeton Foundation’s application portal. Please click [here](#) for the link to the JTF online application portal.

- In the Cycle & Area section of the application, select the “Psychological Science for Christian Theological Inquiry” funding cycle.
- All proposed projects should have an anticipated start date no earlier than August 1, 2022 -- and no later than June 1, 2023.
- All applications will be reviewed by internal Foundation staff and some will also go to a panel of external reviewers. Applicants will receive notification of a decision on their OFI by **October 15, 2021**.
- Applicants who receive an invitation to submit a Full Proposal should expect to submit their Full Proposal by January 14, 2022. Applicants will receive notification of a decision on their Full Proposal by June 10, 2022.

The Foundation will hold a virtual **informational session on July 21, 2021**. If you wish to participate, please email psychfortheologyRFP@templeton.org.

Please contact your respective RAS unit *and* Tiffany Worboy to inform them of your intent to submit.