

Bexley Seabury Fellowship in Church Planting, Evangelism and New Christian Communities Application

The Bexley Seabury Fellowship in Church Planting, Evangelism and New Christian Communities may be awarded to an entering first-year Master of Divinity student who is interested in pursuing ministry with an emphasis on church planting, evangelism, and new Christian communities, and who demonstrates a strong commitment to pursuing such ministries within the Anglican tradition.

Eligibility

Applicants for the Bexley Seabury Fellowship in Church Planting, Evangelism and New Christian Communities must:

- exhibit a commitment to ministry in the Episcopal Church, with a specific emphasis on church planting, evangelism, or new Christian communities;
- have a GPA of B or above in their previous academic work;
- Bexley Seabury will give preference to applicants who could not otherwise afford seminary, and who will thrive academically in the kind of contextual program that Bexley Seabury offers. The seminary is especially interested in those students who (1) envision opportunities for church planting, evangelism, or new Christian communities among underserved communities, (2) imagine expanding these opportunities beyond traditional methods and definitions, and/or (3) intend to initiate these opportunities in contexts where they have not been pursued for some time.

Application Procedure and Requirements

Applications for the Bexley Seabury Fellowship in Church Planting, Evangelism and New Christian Communities must include the following and **must be submitted by June 15th of the calendar year in which studies are to begin**:

- At least two recommendations on behalf of the applicant, using the Fellowship recommendation form, found below, submitted directly to Bexley Seabury by the recommenders. Recommendations may be made by individuals who have also submitted letters of recommendation for admission to the MDiv degree program. Apply to the MDiv Program [here](#).
- A personal essay (of approximately 1000 words) that directly addresses qualifications to be a Bexley Seabury Fellowship in Church Planting, Evangelism and New Christian Communities recipient. Applicants may choose to submit an audio or video recording of the equivalent (7-10 minutes) in place of a written essay.
 - Please elaborate on why you would like to serve in church planting, evangelism, or starting new Christian communities. Please describe your experience or background in this area. Please also tell us about how this calling has developed for you, and what your goal or dream would be in pursuing it.
 - Please describe specific opportunities within your current context for church planting, evangelism, or new Christian communities. What would this look like? What promise would it hold? What hurdles do you anticipate? How may it also strengthen (and benefit from) existing church communities?
- A completed FAFSA application (for purposes of income verification);
- If you are a postulant or thinking about pursuing a possible call to holy orders in the Episcopal church you must also request to be submitted on your behalf a signed letter (on official letterhead) from your Bishop or the Chair of your Diocesan Commission on Ministry, indicating that they (1) are aware of your application for admission to Bexley Seabury Seminary's MDiv program and of your plans to study full time here for three years; (2) are aware of your application to receive the Bexley Seabury Fellowship awarded to persons committed to pursuing ministry opportunities in church planting, evangelism, and/or new Christian communities; and (3) support (or do not oppose) your decision to study at Bexley Seabury Seminary as a Bexley Seabury Fellow.

Please submit all scholarship application materials and direct any questions to:

Jaime Briceño

Recruiter and Digital Missioner

Bexley Seabury Seminary,

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(773) 380-7045

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**Bexley Seabury Fellowship in Church Planting, Evangelism and New Christian Communities
Recommendation Form**

Must be submitted to Bexley Seabury no later than June 15.

NAME of APPLICANT:

RECOMMENDED BY:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Relationship to the Applicant:

Organization or Congregation:

Position or Title:

Please read the Bexley Seabury Fellowship in Church Planting, Evangelism and New Christian Communities description and eligibility requirements below and answer the following questions as fully as possible.

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1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity(-ies)?
2. Based on your personal knowledge, please describe in some detail how the applicant has expressed a commitment to envisioning opportunities for church planting, evangelism, or new Christian communities.
3. Based on your knowledge and experience of the applicant, please explain why you believe they are a good candidate for the Bexley Seabury Fellowship.