

# Centre for Advanced Theological Studies

## *Ph.D. in Christian Studies*

Faculty of Theology

### **Programme**

*Ph.D. in Christian Studies*

### **Mission**

*To equip Christian scholars, theologians, and educators at the highest level by providing a Ph.D. programme in Christian Studies.*

### **Vision**

*To equip leaders and educators who engage Asian societies and Church in Jesus Christ's mission of transformation.*

### **Theological Stance**

- ❖ Christ-centered
- ❖ Biblically grounded
- ❖ Contextually rooted
- ❖ Life-affirming
- ❖ Transformative & Reconciling

### **Core values**

- ★ Critical & Constructive
- ★ Missional
- ★ Inclusive
- ★ Holistic
- ★ Inter-disciplinary.

# Faculty of CATS



## Following are the faculty members of CATS

1. **Prof. Atul Aghamkar**, Ph.D. (Intercultural Studies, with concentration on Urban Studies) School of World Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA; M.Th. (Missiology) SAIACS, Bangalore; *Professor and Head, Department of Missiology, South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore; President Evangelical Theological Research and Writing Project of India; Member, Asian Society of Missiology.*
2. **Prof. Viji Nakka Cammauf**, Ph.D. The Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. *Adjunct Professor of Theology at American Baptist Seminary of the West, Fuller CA, Logos Evangelical Seminary & Westmont College; Professor of Record for the Perspectives Study Programme.*
3. **Prof. Jacob Cherian**, Ph.D. (New Testament) Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ; Th.M. (New Testament), Regent College, Vancouver. *Vice President, Dean of Faculty & Professor of New Testament, Southern Asia Bible College, Kothanur, Bangalore.*
4. **Prof. Richard Howell**, Ph.D. (Systematic Theology) Intercultural Open University, Netherland; Th.M. (Theology) Regent College, Vancouver. *Former Principal of Allahabad Bible Seminary. General Secretary of Evangelical Fellowship of India and Asia Evangelical Alliance, Member of the committee of the Global Christian Forum.*
5. **Prof. Daniel Jeyaraj**, D.Th. (Historical Theology) and Dr. habil (History of Religious Studies and Ecumenics) from Faculty of Theology, Martin Luther University Halle–Wittenberg, Germany. Ph.D. (German Studies) from the University of Mumbai. *Professor of World Christianity and Director of*

*Andrew F. Walls Centre for the Study of African and Asian Christianity, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool, U.K. Chief Editor, Dharma Deepika: A South Asian Journal of Missiological Research.*

6. **Prof. Rajkumar Boaz Johnson**, Ph.D. (Hebrew Bible/Theological Studies) Trinity International University and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL; Th.M. (Hebrew Bible and Semitic Languages) Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL. *Professor of Old Testament in the Department of Biblical and Theological Studies & Director, Division of Christian Life and Thought, North Park University, Chicago, IL.*
7. **Prof. Robert K. Johnston**, Ph.D. (Theology) from Duke University, Durham, NC; Former Provost Fuller Theological Seminary and North Park University, Chicago, IL. Past President, American Theological Society, Princeton, NJ. *Professor of Theology and Culture, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA.*
8. **Prof. Joshua Iyadurai**, Ph.D. (Christian Studies) University of Madras; M.Phil. (Christian Studies) University of Madras, Chennai. *Director of Mylapore Institute for Indigenous Studies, Chennai. Guest Faculty, Department of Christian Studies, University of Madras. Associate Editor, Dharma Deepika: A South Asian Journal of Missiological Research.*
9. **Prof. Jagdhari Masih**, Ph.D. (Religion and Philosophy) Rohilkhand University, Bareilly; M.Th. (Religions) from North India Institute of Post Graduate Theological Studies, Senate of Serampore College; M.A. (Philosophy) Kanpur University; Former Principal, Allahabad Bible Seminary. *Bishop, Allahabad Diocese, Evangelical Church of India; Hon. Director/Dean & Professor of Religion at Gospel & Plough School of Theology, SHIATS, Allahabad;*
10. **Prof. Evangeline Anderson-Rajkumar**, D.Th. (Christian Theology); M.Th. (Christian Theology) Senate of Serampore College; Former Vice President of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India. *Professor & Dean of Doctoral Studies, United Theological College, Bangalore. Former Lecturer, Systematic Theology and Ethics at Serampore College, Serampore, Former President, Association of Theologically Trained Women of India; Member of Doctoral Board, ACTS Institute, Bangalore, Editorial Board Member of Journal of Dharma.*
11. **Prof. Shekhar Singh**, D.Th. (Christian Ministry, Counselling) Senate of Serampore College; M.Th. (Counselling) Senate of Serampore College/U.T.C. Lectured at North Park University, Chicago and also School of Theology at Stockholm; *Principal and Professor Clinical Counseling, Marriage and family Counseling at Union Biblical Seminary, Pune. Network Committee Member of International Federation of the Blue Cross, Berne; Member of International Federation of Evangelical Churches.*
12. **Prof. Takatemjen** Post Doctoral Scholar (Gospel Studies) Global Research Institute, Pasadena, CA; D.Th. (New Testament) South Asia Theological Research Institute, Senate of Serampore College; M.Th. (New Testament) United Theological College, Bangalore. *Principal & Professor at Clark Theological College, Aolijen Mokokchung, Nagaland. Chairman, Academic Council of Senate of Serampore.*
13. **Prof. E. R. Tongper** Ph.D. (Philosophy of Religion/ Philosophical Theology) North Eastern Hill University, Shillong; M.Phil. (Philosophy of Religion); M.A. Philosophy (NEHU). *Professor of Philosophy of Religion/Philosophical Theology and Ethics at the Post-Graduate Level in NEHU; Director TESPRO International; Former Professor & Dean of Theology, SHIATS, Allahabad; Member of the Board - S.H.E.C.S. Allahabad; Founding Member & Vice President Carey Institute of Theology, Delhi.*

**14. Prof. Brian Wintle, Ph.D.** (New Testament) University of Manchester, U.K. Former Professor in the Biblical Studies Department, UBS; Former Principal, Union Biblical Seminary, Pune. *Regional Secretary-India, Asia Theological Association.*

## About SHIATS

SHIATS is a Christian university which has 12,000 students, nine distinct faculties with close to 400 professors, a host of international links and cooperative programmes, and full accreditation by the NAAC (an autonomous body of the University Grants Commission). SHIATS is located on the banks of the Yamuna River. It is known particularly for its expertise and research in the fields of agriculture and technology. The university is the first institution in Asia and the fourth in the world to offer an Agriculture Engineering programme. Its contributions to the green revolution taking place in India are noteworthy.

The university has expanded over the last twenty years and presently has a wide variety of disciplines in Science, Humanities, Media, Health, Veterinary Science, Education, Business Engineering and Theology. Its Gospel & Plough School of Theology has been preparing church leaders for the last decade. On December 21, 2005 (vide communication bearing reference D.O. No. F.20-71/2005-U-3) the Ministry of Human Resource Development of India has clarified that in terms of the provision under article no (I) of the Constitution of India, the University being a minority institution, may conduct its courses in theology in whatever mode it wants to, as it has the right to do so. This university is dedicated to the vision and mission of its founder Dr. Sam Higginbottom: *Feed the Hungry, Serve the Land: Gospel and Plough*. Yesu Darbar (A Royal Court of Jesus) is held every day and is a great blessing for thousands of people who gather to hear the Word of God and ask for Christ's blessing.

## The Ph.D. Programme in Christian Studies

The Centre for Advanced Theological Studies (CATS) is one of three distinct initiatives of the Faculty of Theology. Its five-year Ph.D. programme comprises of 8 core courses offered in a compressed semester format in two years (requiring 4 weeks of residency for each year). These 8 core courses provide 32 credits. The thesis work (43 credits) spread over three years includes three tutorials and dissertation research and writing.

The programme is designed to facilitate engagement with the text and context in critical, innovative and integral ways for the mission of transforming Church and Society.

# Course Description

## Cohort Classes

S.No.	Course Code	Title
1.	CATS-931	Theological Research Methods
2.	CATS-932	Contextual and Social Issues
3.	CATS-933	Biblical Perspectives on <i>Missio Dei</i>
4.	CATS-934	Social and Historical Analysis of the Church in India
5.	CATS-935	TRACK – I Constructive Theology (Biblical/Systematic/Historical) – 2 courses OR
6.	CATS-936	TRACK - II Practical Theology (Ethics, Pastoral Theology/ History of Christianity/Missions - Course in Missiology  TRACK - II Practical Theology - Course in Leadership
7.	CATS-937	Spiritual Formation
8.	CATS-938	Advanced Research Methodology (Dissertation Proposal)

**B. Tutorials (related to areas of thesis research):** Three Tutorial Classes - Individualized instruction with specialized faculty persons.

## Entrance Qualification

- Master's level theological qualification
- M.Th. from a recognized institution (such as under Serampore or ATA) or equivalent to five years of theological studies
- M.Div./B.D. with P.G. in any discipline.
- Those who do not have formal theological training and have a recognized Masters degree or Ph.D. in any field will have to undergo a minimum theological education of one year including at least four courses (NT, OT, History of Christianity and Theology).

## Cost

Fees for each year will include the following

- ★ Annual Tuition
- ★ Lodging & Boarding on SHIATS campus during 4 weeks of classes
- ★ Reading material for courses

Academic Programme	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	4 <sup>th</sup> Year	5 <sup>th</sup> Year
Ph.D. (Christian Studies)	Rs. 80,000/-	Rs. 80,000/-	Rs. 80,000/-	Rs. 80,000/-	Rs. 80,000/-

Total Amount = Rs. 4,00,000

**Scholarships are available**

## Important Dates

- Last date for submissions of Application forms December 23, 2011
- Application form will be accepted with late fee Rs.300/- after Dec 23, 2011
- Entrance Exam/Interview January 10, 2012
- Admission Notification January 12-13, 2012
- Acceptance January 20, 2012
- Payment of 1<sup>st</sup> installment of Fees (Rs. 20,000/-) January 31, 2012
- Orientation: Friday & Saturday (on SHIATS campus) May 11-12, 2012
- First two Courses May 14-25, 2012

Interested candidates are directed to kindly download the application form from the university CATS website and completed forms with a Demand Draft of Rs. 1200/- in favor of Registrar, SHIATS payable at Allahabad to be sent to:

**Rev. Dr. Samuel Richmond Saxena, Assist. Prof. (Sr.) GPST**  
**Deputy Registrar, CATS**  
**Faculty of Theology, SHIATS**  
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**12. Permanent Address:**

(In capital letters. Write your name also)


**13. TITLE OF THESIS/DISSERTATION (Tentative)**


**14. Details of Employment** (For In-service Candidates : Only mention Research and Training Experience)

Name of the Employer	Period From	Period To	Designation

**15. Testimonials to be attached :**

- 15.1. Copies of all mark sheets and certificates from High School to Post Graduate programs.
- 15.2. Address proof (Electricity bill, Telephone bill, Employer certificate, Ration card, Passport, Voter's identity card, Driving license)
- 15.3. **For fresh candidates,** Certificate of the Head of the Institution last attended.  
**Or**  
**For in service candidates,** Certificate of Forwarding officer and No objection certificate of the employer
- 15.4. Letter of recommending from the pastor of the Church, duly authenticated by the Pastor or Bishop. (For Christian Category only)
- 15.5. Copy of the Baptism / Confirmations Certificate (For Christian category only)

NOTE : Candidate will have to produce No Objection certificate from his/her employer at the time of counseling/ Research Advisory Committee Meeting.

**Self Declaration :**

I \_\_\_\_\_ declare that all the information given by me are correct to best of my knowledge and belief. I have carefully gone through all the details in the prospectus and I agree to abide by all eligibility requirements and conditions laid down there in. I fully understand any wrong statement made in this application may result in cancellation of my candidature for termination of my admission at any stage at my cost, risk and responsibility. The decision of the selection committee shall be final in all matters pertaining to admission and binding on me and I shall have no right to take any legal action against this decision. I shall abide by the rules and regulations of the Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, (Deemed to be University), Allahabad.

Signature of Candidate

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**PhD in Christian Studies**  
**Application Form B**

*On separate documents please supply the following:*

*Documents 1, 2, and 3 should also be sent as email attachments to [samuelrichmond@rediffmail.com](mailto:samuelrichmond@rediffmail.com)*

1. **Present Teaching/Christian Ministry:** Describe your current ministry involvement in the mission/church/institution (in about 200 words).
2. **Academic Sample Paper:** Provide a sample of your original scholarly writing (3000 words). This sample could be from a previously written paper or publication.  
*(This paper will form a major part of the Entrance Exam)*
3. **Essay:** Write a 1000 word essay that includes the following:
  - a. **Spiritual Journey:** A brief sharing of your personal experience of Christ and your particular call to serve in the Kingdom.
  - b. **Vocational/Academic Teaching Experience:** Articulation of present vocation and why you think that a PhD will make a difference in your ministry.
  - c. Specific goals and interests you have in theological study and research and intentions for the future.
4. **References:**
  - a. A letter of reference from a former teacher or present colleague
  - b. A letter of recommendation from your present employer/head of the institution, with an undertaking that the applicant will be released for about 15 hours a week to devote to studies.
  - c. Please mention if your application has been recommended by a member of the Faculty/Academic Committee of CATS. If so, who is recommending you?
5. **Financial Guarantee:**
  - a. State clearly how you intend to finance your studies.
  - b. What contribution, if any, will your sponsoring institution make towards your expenses?

*The above documents together with a formal interview will constitute the entrance and admission procedure.*

*October 2011*