

Denominational or Institutional Letter of Support for Summer 2023 Admission to DMin

Our program is an advanced professional degree program designed to assist participants in achieving a high level of competence in the practice of Christian Ministry through the integration of academic study and critical reflection on the practice of ministry. Candidates are expected to have a solid biblical and theological education, as well as a proven ability in the practice of ministry. It is important that the candidate has the ability to engage in collaborative learning and be self-directed in determining their learning goals and objectives. The duration of the DMin Program at TST is approximately 4 years. Students should set aside at least two days per week to accommodate class schedules, not including the completion of required course work and required on-campus residential requirements. Please keep this in consideration when writing your letter of reference.

The Denominational or Institutional Letter of Support should be written by an appropriate official in the applicant's diocese, religious order, presbytery, conference, or institution. The individual writing the Denominational or Institutional Letter of Support should not be the same as the one who writes the Ministry Base Group (MBG) Letter of Support. Letters should be written on official letterhead.

When writing your letter of support, please:

1. give a summary of the applicant's ministry involvement.
2. declare full recognition of the applicant's intention to enter the DMin program, and awareness of the program commitments.
3. offer any other comments you deem helpful to the DMin Admissions Committee.

In order to match your letter of support to the applicant, please include the following:

- the legal name of the applicant
- Indicate that you are providing a Denominational or Institutional Letter of Support
- your name, position and denomination or institution with which you are affiliated
- Sign and date your letter

Please send your reference by one of the following methods to be received the GCTS Office by the DMin application deadline of **12 noon (EST), December 01, 2022**, for first round consideration or **12 noon (EST) February 16, 2023**, for second round consideration.

Mail your reference by regular postal mail directly to:

DMin Applicant Reference - Confidential
Admissions Committee
c/o Graduate Centre for Theological Study
Toronto School of Theology
47 Queen's Park Crescent East
Toronto, ON M5S 2C3
Canada

OR

Email a scan of the original letter, as an attachment, sent directly from your denominational or institutional email account to GCTS.Office@utoronto.ca with the applicant's name and type of Letter of Support in the subject line e.g., "DMin Denominational Letter of Support – Jane Smith".

Letters of Support issued to applicants or photocopies will not be accepted. Your letter is considered a confidential document and will not be shared with the applicant.

Thank you.