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The MRes in Theology is a thoroughly new postgraduate degree offered by the Institute of Theology in Queen's, beginning in September 2018. Whilst the focus of the programme is the dissertation, students also undertake a number of modules which offer subject-specific and interdisciplinary training, teaching, and supervision.

This structure ensures that the programme is attuned to the needs of a variety of potential students: those who seek to equip themselves with research skills and breadth in preparation for Doctoral work, those who are exploring their professional development by updating and expanding their understanding of Theology and Religion, and those who are exploring postgraduate study as a means for building upon interests established at undergraduate level.

Our new MRes offers students the chance to acquire specialisms by way of the dissertation, and appropriate guidance is given throughout the programme to ensure that all students are equipped with the necessary theoretical and practical skills to complete the dissertation successfully. All students work closely with a supervisor throughout the programme.

The four modules undertaken, prior to commencement of the dissertation, offer choice from amongst the core disciplines in Theology and modules available in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, and research preparation modules. We also work closely with the Graduate School to deliver a module on leadership, designed to equip students to apply and communicate their Theology skills in ways that are personally- and professionally-enhancing, and societally-relevant.

Our MRes graduates benefit from a range of national and international expertise in Theology and in related disciplines. They join a stimulating environment for the critically-informed consideration of Theology and Religion, and the relevance of both for today's world.

### GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

Students who have completed postgraduate degrees in Theology at Queen's have become influential in various fields: in education and academia, in pastoral, church and clinical contexts, for example. The range of training, skills and interdisciplinary opportunities available for our students, though, means that they often enter professions which go beyond what might be considered traditional for Theology students, such as retail, finance, and socially-based project work. A sizeable portion of our postgraduate population undertake Masters programmes because they wish to avail of continuing professional

development opportunities, so that they can bring the benefits of a critically-informed and relevant programme back to their own working environment.

### SPECIAL FEATURES

**DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIALISMS:**  
The dissertation component of the MRes allows students to develop their own particular interests within the field, and enables them to acquire expertise which may be academically and/or professionally formative.

**BESPOKE MODULE CHOICE:**  
Depending on the choice of topic for the dissertation, students select modules that best suit, inform and facilitate their research focus.

**SUPERVISION:**  
Throughout the programme, students work with a designated supervisor who will advise on all aspects of the student's academic planning and development.

