

Proposed amended guideline approved at ACACC AGM (updated Feb 2017)

Guideline for Supporting ACACC Member Churches for Theological Training (Revised version proposed by Executive Committee Jan 2013)

- 1. For those who are pursuing full time theological study in Bachelor or Master degree and will be engaged in a Chinese Alliance Church for at least two years right after the graduation (an agreement will need to be signed and confirmed by the church at the time of the application for the theological support):***

Upon examination and if approved by the Executive Committee of ACACC, a maximum of A\$ 5000 per annum can be offered to the applicant to help pay the tuition fee for theological study at bible college for a maximum of four years for a degree course. If the applicant applies for FEE-HELP to pay for his/her theological education, then the financial support from ACACC will contribute to his/her living expenses. It is recommended that the applicant will serve in different Chinese Alliance Churches to enrich his/her experience in pastoral ministry. Kindly note that no applicant should receive more than AU\$20,000 in total from ACACC.

The applicant shall observe the following requirements as follow:

- i. The subsidy will only be paid upon successful completion of the subjects enrolled in each semester and the official results are provided to the Treasurer.
 - ii. The applicant is required to sign the Statement of Faith of C&MA including the issues on “Same sex marriage, Woman ministry and Faith Promise in C&MA”
 - iii. The applicant is required to ascribe to a mentoring program designed by ACACC Theological Advisor. The applicant shall be required to rotate and serve at different Chinese Alliance Churches as Catechist in his/her local State or other States.
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- 2. For those who are in the ministry leaders level/position and who are attending theological training courses for equipping themselves for better ministry and have the recommendation from their church pastor:***

Upon examination and if approved by the Executive Committee of ACACC, a subsidy can be offered to the candidate for accredited courses offered by ACA. The subsidy will be \$50 for CCS, \$75 for Cert IV and \$100 for Diploma per person per subject.

For all students enrolled in ACA Chinese Programs, they will need to complete the subject with assignments submitted before they can receive the ACACC subsidy. The Administrator of Chinese ACA program will write to ACACC treasurer on behalf of the church for those students to request the subsidy on half yearly basis.

3. ***For those who are / have been serving in fulltime paid position and who would take up further theological training for the benefit of the church; If their spouse; serving within the C&MA; takes up a P-T or F-T recognised theology degree course, is also eligible to apply.***

Upon examination and if approved by the Executive Committee of ACACC, a subsidy of 1/3 of the course fee per annum can be offered to the candidate for a period of seven years and the maximum subsidy should not exceed A\$16,000.

4. ***For those who are / have been serving in part time paid position and who would like to take up further theological training for the benefit of the church:***

Upon examination and if approved by the Executive Committee of ACACC, the candidate can apply for a fixed proportion (pro-rata) subsidy of "1/3 of the total course fee" based on the number of hours of paid employment as compared to full-time (35hrs of work) paid employment. This subsidy can be offered to the candidate for a period of seven years and the maximum subsidy should not exceed the fixed proportion calculation (pro-rata) from the basis of AU\$16,000. The subsidy can be claimed on a yearly basis.

5. ***With effect from 2016, for those theological students without clear intention to serve in C&MA churches after graduation and those C&MA pastors already in full-time or part-time ministry, they will not be eligible to apply for the subsidy from ACACC if they apply for FEE-HELP for their theological studies or other approved courses.***

The Executive Committee of ACACC has the final decision re the granting of the financial support to the above applications. The above support is entirely dependent upon the availability of CTPP fund and once it is used up, the Executive Committee of ACACC could cease the support immediately without notification to individual candidates. Reimbursement will be given to all candidates upon submission of a copy of their official results slip to ACACC Treasurer showing at least a pass grade in the subjects. This reimbursement will be provided on a half-yearly basis.