

Additional student numbers for 2010-11: reconfigured Foundation Degrees in Theology for ministerial training

This letter invites proposals from English higher education institutions (HEIs) for additional student numbers (ASNs) for the academic year 2010-11 for reconfigured foundation degree programmes in Theology for ministerial training.

Due to the stakeholder interest in this process, it is important to note that institutions need to send their proposals to the **Ministry Division, Archbishops Council, London**, who will coordinate them with support from the sponsoring church. Once this support is in place, the Ministry Division will then forward the proposals to HEFCE.

The deadline for proposals from HEIs to the Ministry Division is **Friday 11 December 2009**.

Once the Ministry Division has forwarded the proposals, HEFCE will then consider them. HEFCE will make the announcements of final allocations early in 2010, in time to be reflected in the July grant letter.

Background

1. The Secretary of State wrote to HEFCE in May 2009 setting out the consequences of the Budget for higher education, and authorising the allocation of 10,000 ASNs for 2010-11.
2. Given that HEFCE had already allocated 4,002 ASNs for 2010-11 through prior commitments, the HEFCE Board met in September 2009 to agree the distribution of the remaining ASNs. Of the remainder, the Board agreed to set aside 500 ASNs for emergency priorities. HEFCE considers the foundation-degree training in theology for the ministry as a priority, and has set aside a total of 200 FTE ASNs for 2010-11 for this purpose.

Process

3. A template for the submission of proposals is available on the HEFCE web-site at www.hefce.ac.uk under Learning and teaching/Funding/Equivalent or lower qualifications/Ministerial training. Proposals from HEIs should be issued to:

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The Church of England Archbishops' Council
Church House
Great Smith Street
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The template should be submitted to the above address or by e-mail by Friday 11 December 2009.

4. Proposals for co-funded numbers will not be considered through this process.
5. Institutions may choose to spread their allocation over a two-year period (for example, an allocation of 30 ASNs might be split so that the institution aims to recruit 15 additional students for 2010-11, and another 15 for 2011-12). The total for all years will be allocated entirely from the 200 ASNs available for 2010-11.

Decisions

6. HEFCE aims to complete the assessment and approve allocations by early in 2010 when HEIs will be notified of outcomes. Allocations made through this call will be reflected in July 2010 grant tables.

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