

B-Less

B-Less is an emergent Christian ministry focused on training, mentoring, and resourcing graduate students to support Christian undergraduates in their faith and witness to the University.

The B-Less Scholarship

The 2024-25 B-Less scholarship is a one-year award of £2,000 designed to facilitate sustained engagement in focused ministry opportunities among undergraduates.

Ministry Opportunities

Ministry placements are assigned on the basis of each individual scholar's gifts and availabilities from a portfolio of options in consultation with our ministry partners. Scholars can be deployed in evangelistic contexts (e.g. table leadership at *The Search*, supporting college-based outreach throughout the academic year including mission weeks and seasonal events), in faculty ministry contexts (e.g. supporting undergraduate theologians and philosophers through participation in the UCCF Theology Network group), and by contributing to church-based student ministry opportunities (e.g. working in partnership with the pastoral staff at a city centre church).

Training and Teamwork Opportunities

Colloquia and one-on-one supervisions serve to develop and nurture each scholar's vision for usefulness among undergraduates integrating the programme into their larger postgraduate educational experience and creating opportunities to review progress. Successful applicants will also be invited to participate in our annual conference (5/9/2025) contributing to a larger point of view on graduate ministry opportunities among undergraduates.

Criteria

The B-Less scholarship is open to postgraduate students working towards Post Graduate Diploma, Masters and Doctoral qualifications. Applicants will be active participants in local evangelical churches and will assent enthusiastically to the IFES Doctrinal Basis and the larger mission and ethos of B-Less and UCCF.

Applicant Details:

Forenames:	<input type="text"/>	Surname:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>	Phone:	<input type="text"/>
Nationality:	<input type="text"/>	Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>
Oxford University Degree Programme:	<input type="text"/>	Previous Degrees:	<input type="text"/>
Church Affiliation:	<input type="text"/>		
Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>
Academic Reference:	Name: <input type="text"/> Email: <input type="text"/>	Character Reference:	Name: <input type="text"/> Email: <input type="text"/>

Submission of the application constitutes consent for the taking up of references. Deadline for references: Friday 30th May.

Briefly describe the relationship between study and personal faith in your own experience as a student:

max 125 words

What, in your view, are the principal pastoral needs of evangelical undergraduates in a secular university?

max 125 words

Reflecting on your own gifts and experiences, describe your vision for the ministry usefulness of an evangelical postgraduate student among undergraduates:

max 125 words

What excites you about the B-Less Scholarship?

max 125 words

Sign and return this form by post to B-Less, 11 Holywell St. Oxford OX1 3SA, or by email to neil@b-less.org.

The closing date for applications is Friday, 23rd May. Information submitted on this form will be used only within the context of recruitment for the 2025-26 B-Less Scholarship.

UCCF Doctrinal Basis

The Doctrinal Basis represents the central truths of the Christian faith as we discern them in the Bible. From the beginning of the CU movement nearly 100 years ago, it has been the basis of our unity, the foundation of our ministry and the content of our message. We are unashamedly confessional and value gospel clarity and gospel unity

The basis of the Fellowship shall be the fundamental truths of Christianity, as revealed in Holy Scripture, including:

1. There is one God in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. God is sovereign in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
3. The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.
4. Since the fall, the whole of humankind is sinful and guilty, so that everyone is subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
5. The Lord Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son, is fully God; he was born of a virgin; his humanity is real and sinless; he died on the cross, was raised bodily from death and is now reigning over heaven and earth.
6. Sinful human beings are redeemed from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of their representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between them and God.
7. Those who believe in Christ are pardoned all their sins and accepted in God's sight only because of the righteousness of Christ credited to them; this justification is God's act of undeserved mercy, received solely by trust in him and not by their own efforts.
8. The Holy Spirit alone makes the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, enabling them to turn to God from their sin and to trust in Jesus Christ.
9. The Holy Spirit lives in all those he has regenerated. He makes them increasingly Christlike in character and behaviour and gives them power for their witness in the world.
10. The one holy universal church is the Body of Christ, to which all true believers belong.
11. The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person, to judge everyone, to execute God's just condemnation on those who have not repented and to receive the redeemed to eternal glory.

See <https://www.uccf.org.uk/about/doctrinal-basis>