

About Missional Leadership

The Missional Leadership Learning Community seeks to help you **become a leader who is proactive, creative, relational, pastoral, and evangelistic**. Ministry in post-Christian Australia is increasingly complex, and we need leaders who are prepared to **promote the gospel in missional contexts**. We want to recruit, teach and support those who are willing to accept the challenge and become mission enablers, youth ministers, pastoral workers, student workers, children's workers, school, university or hospital chaplains, or church pastors and planters outside of the Anglican context.

What do we want you to be like when you leave Ridley?

You will become an excellent communicator of the gospel in your chosen setting. You will be a resourceful teacher of the bible, an entrepreneurial leader who serves by gathering and empowering others for ministry, and a perceptive thinker who can make connections between the bible and the world. It is important that we develop you as a team player who can work respectfully within diverse ministry contexts. You will be formed as a prayerful person who is confident and self-aware in family life and pastoral relationships.

How do we achieve these outcomes?

1. You will follow the Missional Leadership Learning Pathway which provides a foundation in bible, theology, leadership and ministry with the opportunity to further specialise (for example in church planting or youth ministry).
2. You will take part in a weekly seminar after lunch on Wednesdays, discussing issues like raising support, leading teams, identifying and training ministry-minded successors, leading church services for youth, mentoring, self-care and you will also get to hear a program of guest speakers to take you beyond the formal curriculum, to encourage networking and provide exposure to emerging ministry opportunities beyond College, for example hosting a Baptist pastor, AFES Director, church-planter, or youth minister.
3. College missions will provide you with opportunities to develop new skills, receive feedback, mentoring on the job, and contact with new churches.

4. We will help you to find a mentor, either within the College or from outside, to develop your particular gifts and interests, during and beyond College!

Prerequisites

Before entering this stream, you will need to complete all foundational level units for either BMin, BTh, or MDiv, that is two units of New Testament, two units of Old Testament, Greek or Hebrew (BTh and MDiv only), Early Church History, Ministry Foundations and Evangelism Principles. You will also need to complete a separate application process involving form, interview, reference and Learning Agreement.

Requirements

During the remainder of your degree, you will need to commit to at least one year of full-time study, alongside participation in the Learning Community's life and programme.

Other Outcomes

You will develop closer peer relationships and form a support network for your later life in ministry. You will have increased motivation as a result of being affirmed in this community's life, and will be able to discern your ministry aspirations if you are unclear about this when you begin life at Ridley.

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Learning Community Application Form

Personal Details

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Mobile _____

Family Members _____

Date of Birth _____

Ministry Formation

Describe your ministry experience and giftings for service

Describe significant mentoring which you have received

Describe your aspirations for ministry

Describe your current ministry/church commitments

Ministry Formation ... continued

List the name, email and phone number of two ministry advocates. Please note that if it has been more than three years since you first applied to study at Ridley, we may contact your advocates for a reference.

1 – Name _____

Position _____

Phone _____

Email _____

2 – Name _____

Position _____

Phone _____

Email _____

List areas that are particular burdens for you in prayer.

Course Development

Foundational Units Completed		Year
NT 301/501	Jesus and the Gospels	
NT 302/502	Early NT Church	
OT 301/501	Old Testament Foundations	
OT 302/502	Old Testament Prophets & Writings	
CH 305/505	Early Church History	
LA * * *	Biblical language (BTh & MDiv students only)	
RYM 31/51 & RYM 32/52	Evangelism & Ministry Foundations	

Learning Agreement

Part 1	Evaluate your ministry competencies	Poor					Excellent
		1	2	3	4	5	
	Listening to Others						
	Reading the Bible in public						
	Spiritual discipline						
	Speaking the truth in love						
	Personal evangelism						
	Leading Church services						
	Forgiving offences						
	Providing hospitality						
	Avoiding gossip						
	Beginning a Home Group						
	Disagreeing						
	Patient teaching						
	Relations with opposite sex						
	Rebuking						
	Explaining Theology						
	Taking days off						
	Mentoring						
	Model to family members						
	Taking risks						
	Sharing prayer needs						
	Concerns for global missions						
	Generosity with money						
	Working in a team						
	Preaching						
	Giving a testimony						
	Critiquing culture						
	Developing prayer support						
	Relating to different ages						
	Submitting to authority						
	Training others for ministry						
	Identifying gifts in others						
	Administrative organisation						
	Leading public intercessions						
	Financial management						
	Enjoying people						
	Proactive in ministry						
	Encouraging others						
	Experience in schools						
	Experience in hospitals						



Part 2 Set goals for growth in competencies in 2018.

Competency	Desired Growth 2018
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

Part 3 Agreement to participate in the process of formation of Missional Leadership 2018, which includes regular attendance at lunches, Wednesday LMG, Day Away and residential mission.

student's signature & name

date

dean's signature & name

date