



World Council of Churches

GETI 2018

Global Ecumenical Theological Institute
Arusha, Tanzania, **5-13 March 2018**

*Translating the Word,
Transforming the World*

LEARNING, SHARING, CELEBRATING

GENERAL INFORMATION TO GETI 2018 APPLICANTS

The Global Ecumenical Theological Institute (GETI) 2018 is a global ecumenical short-term study and exposure programme in accompaniment of the World Mission Conference 8-13 March 2018 in Arusha, Tanzania.

GETI 2018 is the second ecumenical formation programme the World Council of Churches offers alongside one of its major ecumenical events, after the initial GETI at the 10th Assembly 2013 in Busan, South Korea. The participation of young theologians from a variety of countries and church traditions sparked a fresh attention for new forms of experiential theological formation and engagement with the ecumenical movement. GETI 2018 seeks to perpetuate this positive experience, transmit the vibrancy and encourage young people to become ecumenically committed and conversant ambassadors in their local and regional contexts, as well as on the global level.

As ecumenical theological education event, GETI 2018 is designed for approximately 120 advanced students in theology and related academic fields with an interest in gaining insights into the ecumenical movement's current debates on understanding and practicing mission in various regions of the world. The student community will be hosted by the Faculty of Theology of the Tumaini University Makumira, a short distance away from the conference venue, outside Arusha.

GETI 2018 is engaging with the World Mission Conference's theme *Moving in the Spirit: Called to Transforming Discipleship*. The student participants will explore together on how the Gospel is translated into their different cultures and contexts, and on ways in which they feel called and moved by the Spirit to transform the world. The reflection thereon will be part of a blended study process, which will commence by an e-learning phase a couple of months prior to the event, allowing the student body to familiarise with each other, the purpose and subjects of the programme. This process will be pursued on-site in guided student groups, as well as through the engagement with the local context and the World Mission Conference.

The venue of the World Mission Conference and GETI 2018, Arusha in Tanzania, lends itself for a first-hand experience in one of the most vibrant contexts of world Christianity. In this unique study environment GETI 2018 will offer opportunities for learning contemporary trends in ecumenism, for sharing experiences in a diverse student community and for celebrating the diverse contributions of young people to the ecumenical pilgrimage of justice and peace.

GETI 2018 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The following guidelines ensure that your GETI 2018 application is received in the best possible way.

When selecting GETI 2018 students, who will be primarily between 21-35 years, the commitment of the WCC to create a balanced student body in terms of denomination, gender and geography will be honoured as much as possible. The overall admission criteria includes also:

- the applicant's motivation to fully participate and engage in the event with a clear intention to make the best possible use of his/her GETI 2018 studies and experience in the future;
 - the applicant's post-secondary school studies in Christian theology **or** closely related discipline;
 - the applicant's recommendation from church **or** regional association of theological education **or** academic institution.
- **The fee for GETI 2018 (5-13 March 2018) is CHF 550.00.** This fee includes registration, tuition, study materials and space, full board and lodging in shared compound style accommodation with shared bathrooms, health and accident insurance and local programme related transport.
 - The fee **does not include** return travel expenses to and from GETI 2018 (located in Arusha, Tanzania), any personal travel related expenses [such as passport, visas(s), vaccination(s), travel insurance, etc.]. Board and lodging expenses en route or at the GETI 2018 before and after the official dates are the responsibility of the admitted student.
 - Many churches or regional associations of theological education or academic institutions have funds available to participate in ecumenical study opportunities, such as GETI 2018. Research what opportunities for financial support exist in your context!
When doing so, please, be also encouraged to seek if your church or regional association of theological education or academic institution is willing to support financially another student from another context with a complementary pledge, which can be communicated through the Student Scholarship Request Form.
An example: A church, which has an existing partnership with a church in another region, wants to ensure that a student can apply for a study place in GETI and pledges to support this application by providing appropriate documentation.
 - The **closing date** for applications is **31 August 2017**. Please apply well in advance before the closing date. All applicants are informed by e-mail regarding whether or not they are admitted at the latest by the end of November 2017.
 - At times limited funds may be available to cover part of the fees for applicants who demonstrate financial need. Applicants may complete a Scholarship Request Form if they need financial support. This form must be returned together with the complete application. Scholarship awards are decided at the same time as GETI 2018 admissions.
 - Please, type or write clearly. Your surname/family name is used to identify and match all materials sent with your application and for dealing with enquiries. Please use only the full name as it is in your passport or official identity documents. **Only application forms, which are correctly completed and legible will be processed.**
 - The completed application form must be accompanied by the documents listed below, in one of the following languages: English **or** French **or** German **or** Spanish. Documents in any other languages must be translated into one of these four languages.

A COMPLETE GETI 2018 APPLICATION DOSSIER IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

1. The completed two-page application form, including one (1) passport-size photograph;
2. Copy of a passport **OR** official identification document, (NOTE: in case of admission the passport must be valid minimum three months after GETI 2018 has taken place, ie until at least 15 June 2018);
3. One (1) recommendation letter from your church **OR** regional association of theological education **OR** academic institution, well acquainted with you, indicating how your studies and experience at GETI 2018 can be beneficial in the future;
4. A copy of Bachelor's **OR** Master's degree certificate and a transcript of academic records in Christian theology or closely related discipline **OR** copies of certificates and transcript of records demonstrating at least three (3) years of studies in Christian theology **OR** closely related discipline;
5. A personal statement of max. 1000 words in English exposing your ecumenical motivation and plans, experience in ecumenism and missiology and how studying at GETI 2018 relates to these;
6. A curriculum vitae (CV) listing your academic, professional and church/ecumenical experience;
7. A financial plan including all expenses and income in relation to GETI 2018 [if funds are pledged by a third party, please, attach supporting document(s)];
8. A completed Scholarship Request Form, if applicable.

Send your application dossier:

- preferably electronically
- scanned into one (1) document, if up to 5 MB, if larger divide into several documents
- named following the protocol: FAMILYNAMEFirstname_GETI2018_Application
- by email to: apply_GETI2018@wcc-coe.org
- by postal mail to:

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Documents sent by postal mail cannot be returned to the applicant. Please, send only the required documents without paper clips, plastic covers, scotch tape and staples.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND GETI 2018 APPLICATION!