



William Hordern Chair in Theology (Tenure track)

The William Hordern Chair in Theology is a core position at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon. Named and funded in honour of William Hordern, an eminent theological voice and former president of LTS, the Hordern chair participates in sustaining the seminary's longstanding reputation as both academically rigorous and practically engaged in the life of the church.

1. Qualifications

- a. Academic qualifications in Christian Theology: PhD or ThD completed or nearing completion
- b. Familiarity with the theological tradition, polity, and history of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- c. Demonstrated track record of academic research and publication/presentation in the area of Lutheranism
- d. Familiarity, or willingness to acquire familiarity, with the theological traditions, polities, and histories of our partner denominations in the Saskatoon Theological Union (STU): The Anglican Church of Canada and The United Church of Canada
- e. Willingness to commit to: LTS mission, vision, and values; reconciliation efforts with Indigenous peoples; LTS Statement on Inclusion (under "Affirming Community" on our webpage); and ELCIC Policy on Inclusive Language
- f. Familiarity with the region that LTS serves, especially the four Western synods of the ELCIC: Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Territories, British Columbia
- g. Ordained leadership experience is an asset, as is eligibility for rostered ministry in the ELCIC.
- h. Willingness to teach in Saskatoon and in immersion contexts across Western Canada

2. Competencies

- a. Capacity to teach at graduate and introductory levels, combining solid scholarship with practical engagement. LTS faculty instruct lay leaders, first and second-degree candidates, and postgraduate degree candidates for: certificates, Master of Theological Studies (MTS), Master of Divinity (MDiv), and Doctor of Ministry (DMin) programs, and special interest

courses at the undergraduate university level.

- b. Demonstrated effectiveness as a teacher in adult and professional contexts
- c. Ability and willingness to teach in online and hybrid (mixed online and in-person) contexts
- d. Capacity for academic research and publication/presentation, relevant to the priorities of LTS and the STU.

3. Responsibilities

a. Teaching

Teach courses in Theology and associated areas. The Hordern Chair is responsible for instruction in Lutheran Confessions and other aspects of Lutheran thought.

b. Student Advising

Be in regular communication with assigned students, providing academic guidance and support while keeping the faculty updated on student progress and needs.

c. Program Administration

Participate in administration within LTS and the STU, as required to serve the program.

d. Research

Undertake a program of research, accompanied by appropriate presentation and/or publication activity. LTS permanent faculty file a 3-year plan of research with the president.

e. Participation in the Life of the Church

Participate in the life of the ELCIC, including membership in the candidacy committee of one or more synod(s).

f. Participation in the LTS and STU communities

Share in the life of LTS and the STU, including participation in worship, social, and academic events. Biennially, deliver a presentation on some aspect of your discipline that specifically reflects on the views of a significant scholar or scholarly tradition belonging to one of LTS's STU partners (Anglican, United Church) to STU faculty and advanced degree students; in any 3-presentation cycle both partner traditions must be addressed.

4. Residency

The Hordern Chair is expected to reside within the territory covered by the four Western synods of the ELCIC, where the role may be filled on a distributed basis, or in Saskatoon, where our offices are located.

5. Appointment Level

The Hordern Chair may be appointed at the assistant or associate level, with salary and benefits according to the LTS salary scale and Faculty Handbook.

6. Anticipated Start Date

January 1, 2023

Application Details:

Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Submit by email to:
exec.lts@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca .

Application packages must include:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Names and contact information for three references (to be contacted only after interviews)
- Two sample publications, consisting of journal articles or book chapters. At least one must give substantial evidence of familiarity with Lutheranism at a scholarly level.
- A personal statement, of 450-550 words, indicating why you wish to serve as LTS faculty.