

Multiply Ministry with MTS



MTS Apprenticeship – Team Leader Scholarship

**All you need to know about
becoming an MTS Apprentice**



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MTS APPRENTICE PATHWAYS

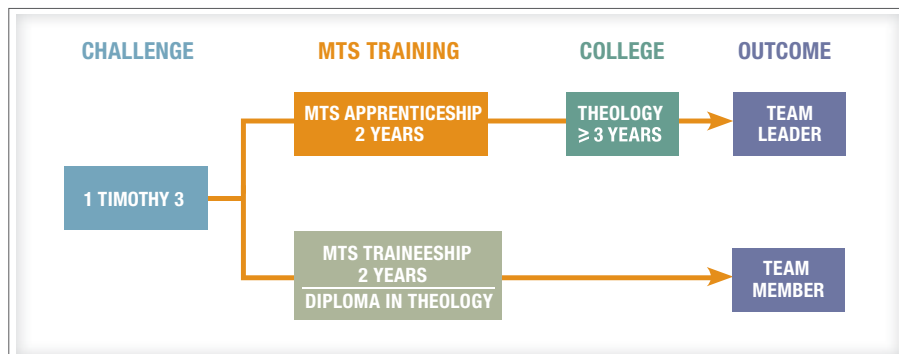
The MTS Apprentice Pathway

At MTS we think that a ministry apprenticeship combined with formal theological education is a great way to train for a lifetime of Gospel ministry.

There are two routes you can take:

1. You can follow the **TEAM LEADER** pathway which involves going to Theological College after your apprenticeship.
2. Alternatively, you can take the **TEAM MEMBER** pathway through the MTS hybrid route where you complete a 2 year apprenticeship, combining hands-on ministry training with part-time theological study.

Both pathways provide you with the opportunity to spend 2 years in a hands-on ministry apprenticeship – “living the life” of a full-time Gospel Worker.



The MTS curriculum is designed to help you work out how you’re wired and where you might plug in to grow God’s Kingdom in the future.

The MTS Apprenticeship is a great way to work out a person’s suitability for ministry work in the future.

MTS Scholarships

All applications for apprenticeships, be it as a team leader or a team member are encouraged to apply for the “MTS Ministry Training Scholarship” as a means of funding the experience.

WHAT BEING AN APPRENTICE INVOLVES

“If a person wants to be a farmer long term, they don’t start off at Agricultural College as a first port of call. They need to head off first to a farm and work alongside an experienced farmer for a couple of years. They need to live through a couple of cycles of the seasons. They need to know what it is like to deliver lambs in the middle of the night, harvest the grain before it is destroyed by rain and grapple with the blurred boundaries between work and rest.”

Ben Pfahler, MTS Director

The MTS Apprentice

Being an MTS Apprentice involves a two year program based within a church or a specialist ministry team. You will learn through active participation in evangelism and Bible teaching, all under the leadership of a trainer.

MTS Apprentices would normally be immersed in the activities of their church or ministry.

MTS has developed an apprentice curriculum which has both compulsory and optional elements. It is a flexible course that can be adapted to the apprentice’s context. This certificate course from the Australian College of Theology (ASTC – Academic Studies in Theology Certificate) is recognised by and eligible for Austudy.

The MTS Apprentice Curriculum grows leaders in 8 learning areas:

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| 1. Bible Study | 5. Evangelism and World Mission |
| 2. Thinking Theologically | 6. Teaching the Bible |
| 3. Prayer and Godliness | 7. Train Others in Ministry |
| 4. Relationships in Ministry | 8. Leadership |

You will be required to complete the MTS Apprentice curriculum over the two years.

The Academic Studies in Theology Certificate (ASTC) is undertaken through the Timothy Partnership, and is accredited with the Australian College of Theology (ACTh).

MTS Scholars do a 37.5 hour (per week) placement in a church or ministry. The MTS curriculum is 12 hours (1.5 days) of that 37.5 hour (5 day) week. The Timothy Partnership Certificate in Academic Studies (Theology) takes up one third of the MTS curriculum.

THE APPRENTICE: LEARNING THE WAY



SAM WALLACE
Laneway Church,
Footscray

How did you come to do MTS?

As a church we were getting behind Josh and Sarah Allen as they prepared to plant a new church in Footscray, Melbourne. Through the encouragement of my pastor, my wife and I decided to leave Wollongong to be part of the church plant and to do my MTS apprenticeship there. We knew we would be giving up a lot and taking on many challenges, but as we prayed about it we came to see it as an amazing opportunity for growth and training for our future.

What's something you've learnt?

Josh is a great trainer with such awe for God's Word, who relates to people with humility and compassion. I have felt in safe hands as he disciples me and shows me how to be a servant of the church. I've learnt that you can't just be a relay of truth like some sort of robot who presents cold facts from the Bible. God's Word doesn't just address the intellect, it grips the heart. So the way we convey that and try to make truth come to bear on peoples' lives is through warm, genuine relationship.

How are you being stretched by your apprenticeship?

Not only am I going through a time of huge transitions and new beginnings – being newly married, moving to a new place, starting a new job – but so is my church! I don't really know what I'm doing. I'm not setup. I don't have much experience, but neither does my church! It is a unique and exciting experience because of the openness of all the ministry opportunities. But we're not alone in the deep end – I have my trainer and resources to guide me and my church has support from other churches and organisations. What is most stretching is the level of creativity and proactivity required to do my role well. I am someone who has no trouble following orders for what to do and how/when to do it. But in this role I need to create opportunities to meet people, I need to think up strategies for how our church runs (like; Should we run a church membership course? How should it be run? When? Who will run it? ...) I'm not just taking control of a well-oiled machine and making sure it keeps moving forward, I'm a part of designing the machine and trying to get it off the ground.

THE TRAINER: LEADING THE WAY



JOSHUA ALLEN
Laneway Church,
Footscray

What are the rewards and challenges of training an MTS Apprentice?

One of the joys is seeing my apprentice, Sam, sacrificially serving Jesus. He and his wife, Carmel, uprooted their lives and moved interstate, to a very different place. They are cross-cultural missionaries in Australia, having left family and friends for the sake of the lost coming to Christ. What an encouragement serving Jesus alongside these guys!

It's also challenging as a ministry leader – I'm conscious that I'm not just a theory trainer, but someone who models following Jesus in all of life. Apart from being a husband and dad, nothing pushes me to watch my life and doctrine closer than having an apprentice who will consciously and subconsciously pick up on how I live.

How have you seen your MTS Apprentice's skills develop?

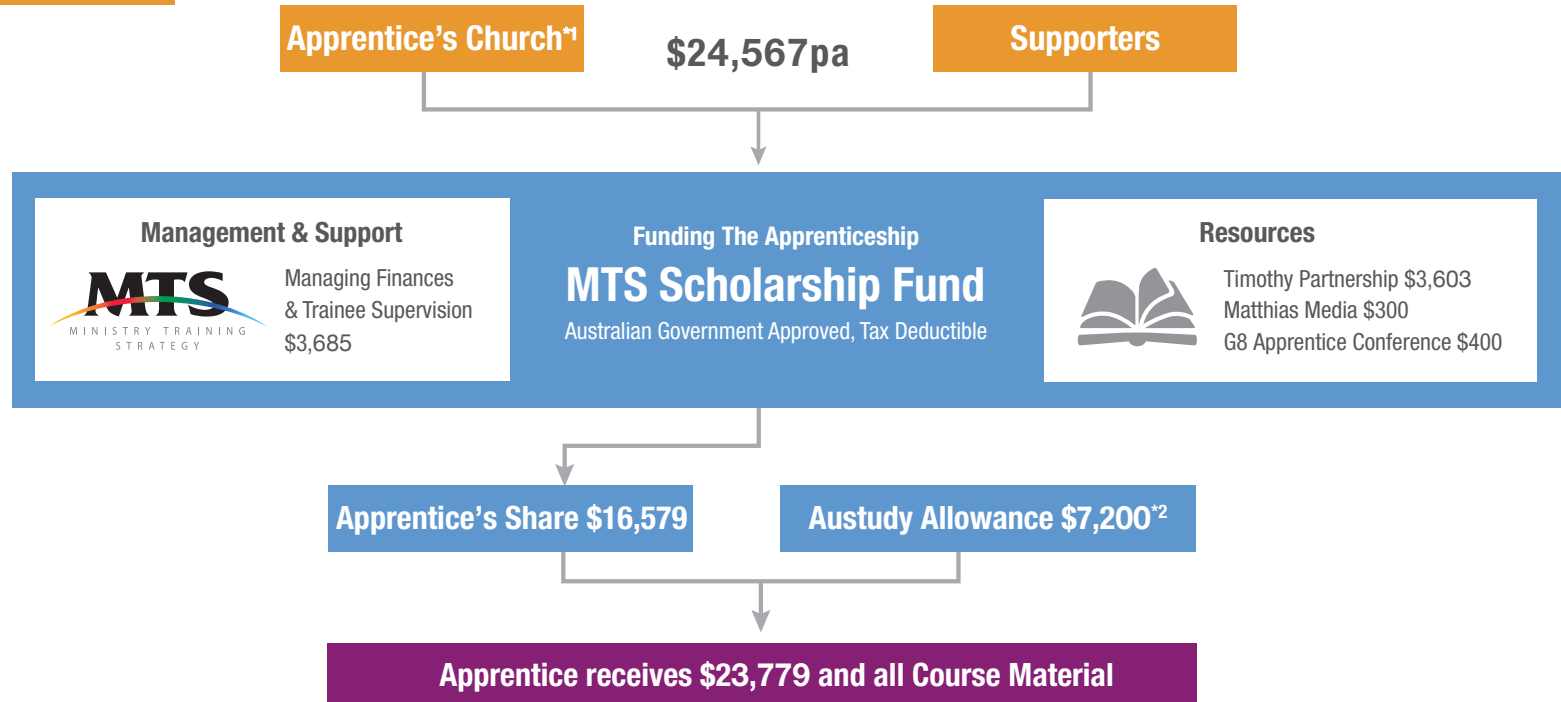
You should have seen the first time we did a walk-up together in Footscray mall! I was leading and it was a mess.... These three Muslim guys from Sudan made us feel lucky just to get out of the conversation. But I've seen Sam continue to meet strangers and move conversations to Jesus with growing confidence and skill. He goes out on his own and with other people from the team, chats with people from all over the world, and manages to get quite a few 'second dates'. He's working hard following up about 10 people who could at best be described as apathetic towards Jesus. I've seen him learn to manage himself and his time when his responsibilities entirely involve starting something from nothing. I've seen him devoted to prayer and reading large sections of the Bible. All in the first six weeks!

Why should someone consider doing an MTS Apprenticeship?

An MTS apprenticeship helps form and test a person's convictions, character and competence, with the feedback of their trainer. MTS focuses you on leading people to Christ and equipping them for ministry. It instils a training and multiplication DNA that enables you to lead ministries beyond your own personal limitations. You learn to draw together a network of ministry partners who will pray and give with you towards Gospel ministry. Most importantly, an apprenticeship teaches you failure in a supported space, and in failure, teaches you that there is one God and Saviour and it's not you. So an apprenticeship throws you into a joyful, prayerful dependence on God to move in people's lives through his Spirit-empowered word. That's great training for any type of future ministry.

THE MTS MINISTRY TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

YOUR ANNUAL FINANCES AT WORK



YOUR WEEK AT A GLANCE



*1 Church to fund a \$3,000 refundable Training Bond for each apprentice. A non-tax deductible receipt will be provided to acknowledge payment.

*2 Assumes trainee is eligible to receive Centrelink benefits (eg Austudy). Benefits for a single student living out of home used in this example.

WORKING WITH YOUR TRAINER

MTS' biblical blueprint for ministry training is based on spiritual parenthood... growing children of faith (1 Tim 1:2).

The outcome of the MTS Apprenticeship is dependant on the relationship between you and your trainer. As a MTS Apprentice you will be assigned to a workplace (which is a MTS approved training centre) where your MTS accredited trainer will look after you.

Trainers are expected to not just minister 'to' their apprentice but to minister 'with them'. Your trainer will invest into your life and ministry.

In return, you will be asked to commit to the following:

MTS Apprentice's Commitment to the Trainer:

- Respect the wisdom and advice of your trainer
- Meet with your trainer (at the agreed times) and to be adequately prepared for each meeting
- Conscientiously attend to your ministry responsibilities and study obligations
- Attend the G8 Conference (National Gathering of Apprentices)

MTS Trainer's Commitment to the Apprentice

- Care, guide, teach and walk beside your apprentice through all stages of their spiritual journey
- Provide feedback, encouragement and correction to your apprentice
- Train apprentices in accordance with the MTS Apprentice approved curriculum
- Meet with the apprentice at the frequency agreed upon and for the period of time agreed upon
- Develop detailed Ministry Development Plans for the apprentice every 6 months
- Attend the MTS Training Days and events as required



PASSING THE BATON BY COLIN MARSHALL

A guide for both apprentices and trainers.

What a ministry apprenticeship is about and the resources needed for making ministry apprenticeships happen.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Is an MTS Apprenticeship really a Cadetship?

Yes, but the image of the master craftsman imparting hard-earned pearls of wisdom to their apprentice, captures the essence of MTS ministry preparation training.

MTS Training Centres

The MTS training centre is the church or the organisation where the ministry apprenticeship takes place. The training centre needs to provide the apprentice with a trainer for the duration of the apprenticeship and to enfold the apprentice into its community.

The training centre is also responsible for ensuring that you are equipped for all the tasks you will need to carry out, including support raising.

MTS Scholarships

MTS Team Leader Scholarships start on the 1st January and complete on 31st December of the following year.

Scholarship commencement is dependent upon Semester 1 ASTC fees and a demonstrated capacity to raise support and maintain a funding buffer of four scholarship payments.

Government Assistance

The ASTC (The Academic Studies in Theology Certificate) offered through the Timothy Partnership has been approved for Austudy and Youth Allowance support.

Please note that while the ASTC course may be eligible for student support from the government, the apprentice must also meet the government's eligibility criteria for Austudy or Youth Allowance support.

Where an apprentice does not qualify for government support, the training centre has the option to increase the value of the scholarship awarded (this assumes a commensurate increase in donations).



ALL FOR THE KINGDOM BY BEN PFAHLERT & KATIE OMROD

A very practical and realistic tool for those that the Holy Spirit is prompting to pursue full time gospel ministry.

We recommend that if you are considering becoming an MTS Apprentice, read and consider these books.

Moving ahead with MTS



This booklet has been designed to give you a basic understanding as to what it means to become an MTS Apprentice, and take the first step into full time Christian ministry work.

If you are interested in proceeding further we suggest that you contact MTS.

MTS will be able to help you to determine the best way to proceed.

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