

# Spiritan Scholar Program

## Center for Spiritan Studies

Division of Mission and Identity  
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA

### Purpose

The purpose of the program is to develop scholarly specialists in Spiritan Studies. Outcomes of the program will include lectures, colloquia and articles and books on topics such as:

- Spiritan Founders and Heroes
- Spiritan Rules, Constitutions and Chapters, especially since Vatican II
- Spiritan history, including the history of various missions or circumscriptions
- The French School of Spirituality and its times
- The Theology of the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit in Spiritan Life and Mission
- Spiritan Mission, Yesterday and Today
- New Trends in World Mission
- Spiritan Pedagogy and Education
- Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC)
- Experiences in Interreligious dialogue

### Eligibility

Eligible candidates include Spiritans, especially those in formation roles, who fulfill the academic requirements. Candidates must possess and demonstrate research ability, as well as language competency in English and French. Spiritan candidates are nominated by the general council and approved by their respective authorities. For more information see [Spiritan Scholar](#).

### Privileges and Support

Duquesne University provides library access and technology support. A faculty mentor is matched to each scholar. Spiritan scholars may reside on campus as a member of the Spiritan community.

### Application Process

Required documentation includes a resume or Curriculum Vitae (C.V.) and a personal statement of 1,000 words or less outlining a proposed research project that conforms to the topics listed in the Purpose section. Candidates should also provide a letter of recommendation or support from their respective superior. Application deadline is March 1.

### History

Launched in 2013 by Duquesne University and the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, the Spiritan Scholar Program provides an opportunity for selected individuals to conduct research on the Spiritan tradition with immersion in the extensive resources available at Duquesne University. These resources include the print and online resources of the Center for Spiritan Studies and the Gumberg Library. They also include access to academic courses and faculty expertise, the Spiritan community, and various other educational and religious organizations in the Pittsburgh area.

The program operates on an academic year calendar (nine months, September through May). At this time the program is open only to two qualified Spiritans per year.

### Application Contact

Apply online to be the next Spiritan Scholar at Duquesne. Candidates may also print the application form and mail along with C.V. and personal statement to:

Director, Center for Spiritan Studies  
Duquesne University  
GM05 Libermann Hall  
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Documents may also be sent by e-mail to:  
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