

# John C. Martin Award Teaching the Bible Grant

Grant Program for Schools and Colleges Equipping Communities of Color



Presbyterian Mission  
**Racial Equity & Women's  
Intercultural Ministries**

## About the Grant

Teaching the Bible Grant supports teaching the Bible and the fundamental beliefs of reformed Christians at Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) related schools, colleges, and universities.

The John C. Martin Award is a Teaching the Bible Grant program developed in 2010 to support Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color and leadership development opportunities for people of color through the Racial Equity and Women's Intercultural Ministries. The program is managed by Financial Aid for Service as a part of Teaching the Bible Grant .

This program has a budget of \$15,000 a year and will support one award per year. Eligible applicants will be representatives of the Menaul School, Presbyterian Pan American School, or Stillman College applying for a grant to be awarded to the institution for the benefit of the institution and its students. Awards for faculty projects are not transferable.

To allow as many Institutions as possible to participate, schools awarded in the previous calendar year are not eligible for award for one year after award, and/or until the project awarded has been closed by final report. The John C. Martin eligible schools and colleges may also apply for the \$10,000 Teaching the Bible Grant. If awarded, the grant activity must be completed within 24 months of award.

## Start the Application

[Begin Here](#)

The application is hosted Microsoft Forms. Its purpose is to collect information the grant administration team needs. If you prefer to provide the details of your proposal and budget in the form of a document, please follow the prompts in the application. Proposals can be uploaded or emailed to [finaid@pcusa.org](mailto:finaid@pcusa.org) to complete your grant request.

### Before you start the application be prepared to:

- Identify a project leader, or primary contact.
- Describe the project in one or two sentences.
- Provide a start and end date for the project.

**Deadline:** Quarterly (1st Friday in June)

Funds available: September, December

Complete proposals are considered by a selection committee in the deadline month with award announcements made at the end of the month.

## 2022 Request for Proposal

The Presbyterian Mission Agency seeks proposals for projects use the Bible and the fundamental beliefs of reformed Christians to create new programs or enhance existing programs.

The John C. Martin Award is offered without a preferred focus.

The 2022 Teaching the Bible grant request for proposals seeks creative approaches to equipping young people to learn how to use the Bible as a tool for tending their mental health and their psychological and spiritual well-being. To learn more about the Teaching the Bible grant request for proposal visit <https://pcusa.org/bible>.

John C. Martin Award applicants may elect to develop a proposal using the Teaching the Bible Grant request for proposals focus but are not required to develop proposals to respond to the Teaching the Bible Grant focus.

Starting in 2022:

- There is an online application here: <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/Grantsforrelatedschools22> The application is used to collect information Financial Aid for Service needs to prepare to present proposals to the selection committee and develop grant agreements. Proposals can be uploaded at the Kaleidoscope site or emailed to [finaid@pcusa.org](mailto:finaid@pcusa.org). The primary contact for the proposal will receive regular reminders until the proposal is complete. Grant reporting will also be managed on Kaleidoscope, automating reminders as reporting milestones are reached.
- Proposals not selected for the Martin Award will be considered in the next quarter for Teaching the Bible Grant.
- Dr. So Jung Kim, Associate for Theology joins the Teaching the Bible Grant and Martin Award team as a consultant. She is available to faculty and staff developing proposals.
- Yesenia Ayala is the grant administrator for Teaching the Bible Grant and the John C. Martin Award.



## Proposal Guidelines

Proposals should be no more than 10 typewritten pages.

## Cover Letter/Endorsement

Provide a letter from the head of school, department, or development office, or designee indicating the institutions support for the proposal, and commitment to acting on the proposal if selected.

## Executive Summary

Briefly describe what the grant would be used to create. Explain how the proposed use will address using the bible and/or the fundamental teachings of the church.

## Current Curriculum

Describe the current curriculum; with description of campus ministry if the primary focus is campus ministry.

## Proposal Details (Generally)

Provide details about the program proposed. Please address the following questions, if applicable:

- What is the principal focus of the proposal?
- What outcomes are sought from this use?
- Is this a limited activity, or will it be continued if the pilot is successful?

## Types of Proposals that may require additional elements in the proposal:

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### New Curriculum

Provide a summary of the new course(s) or program, outcomes sought for use, and method of evaluation. Please also address the following questions, if applicable:

- Who will benefit from the program?
- How will students participate?
- How will the course/program relate to what is described in current curriculum?
- What is the timeline from implementation to evaluation of outcomes?

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### Research/Publication

Description of the research or writing project that details its aims and significance and explains how Teaching the Bible Grant would be used.

Collaborative project descriptions should include brief descriptions of the role of each collaborator and a curriculum vitae.

*Note: Each proposal has different requirements. You do not need to answer the questions for both.*

## Budget

The total cost of the project and how the grant funding will be used.

## **Sustainability**

Will the program continue after the grant is fully disbursed? If so, describe the funding and staff that will enable the program to continue.

## **Evaluation and Selection of Awards**

John C. Martin Award proposals received by the first Friday of June will be evaluated by staff for eligibility and read by the selection team for the Helen R. Walton Award.

After awardees are selected, Financial Aid for Service drafts a grant agreement encompassing the proposal, reporting requirements, and a disbursement schedule. After the representative of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the school, college, or university signs the grant agreement, the grant payment occurs within 10 days, or on the start date for the project.

The status of the project is reported at least once annually until final report. The Associate for Theology in Theology and Worship acts as advisor to Financial Aid for Service for this program.

## **Regarding Technology**

As our world becomes smaller through the implementation of technology, we recognize that the use of technology is an integral part of the curriculum in any classroom. While we would like to be able to fund all requests regarding the need for technology upgrades, we must still say true to the donor specifications pertaining to the funds that make this grant possible. For this reason, we can only entertain proposals which use technology as an enhancement to the larger proposal.

Grants for technology purchases may be considered for the Wolf-Schick Award. This program serves Warren Wilson and Westminster College (UT) preferentially. If the schools named in the preference do not apply by June 1, we will consider funding part of the Martin grant from Wolf-Schick if there is a technology purchase that will greatly enhance your Martin proposal. Visit the Wolf-Schick Grant to learn more at [www.pcusa.org/wsmg](http://www.pcusa.org/wsmg).

If Wolf-Schick is not committed to projects by July 15<sup>th</sup>, Financial Aid for Service will create a separate request for proposals to all Presbyterian-related schools, colleges, and universities.

## Staff to John C. Martin Teaching the Bible Grant

### **Yesenia Ayala**

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Yesenia Ayala is the grant administrator. She answers questions about deadlines and grant administration. She will be the primary contact for the program.

### **Dr. So Jung Kim**

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We are pleased to announce that Dr. So Jung Kim, Associate for Theology in the Office of Theology and Worship will be the advisor for the Teaching the Bible Grant and Martin Award program. She is available to consult with project leaders preparing proposals, responding to questions in her area of expertise, Bible content and reformed theology.

### **Laura Bryan**

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