Diverse young Christian leaders are being called right now, today, to be faithful innovators and change agents of their generation. The Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) believes that Christian communities have a role and a stake in inspiring these young leaders to shape the future of the church and the academy. FTE offers opportunities to help these future leaders explore their purpose and to strengthen their faith communities to walk alongside them on the journey.

**YOUNG ADULTS** (AGES 18-30)

- **MINISTRY EXPLORATION AND MENTORING GRANTS**
  to explore ministry as a vocation, learn about innovative models of ministry and create a meaningful mentoring relationship with a church leader.

- **A NATIONAL FORUM & REGIONAL DISCERNMENT EVENTS**
  to explore ministry and build a community of support, peer mentoring and learning.

- **FTE’S STORIES & ONLINE LIBRARY OF RESOURCES**
  including inspiring stories of leaders impacting their communities, reading recommendations and a list of support beyond FTE.

**DOCTORAL STUDENTS**

- **DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR**
  who have completed the course work stage of their Ph.D. or Th.D. program in religion, theology or biblical studies.

- **STIPENDS FOR PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**
  related to students’ scholarship.

- **A NATIONAL FORUM FOR FUTURE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATORS**
  to network, explore teaching as a vocation and develop mentoring relationships.

- **WORKSHOPS ON WRITING & PUBLISHING**
  to strengthen writing skills, provide information on the publishing industry and to open networking opportunities.

**NEW PASTORS**

- **VOCATIONAL FRIENDSHIP GRANTS**
  for FTE/Transition-into-Ministry (TiM) Alumni or participants from the Christian Leadership Forum within the first three years of ministry to build and strengthen friendships with pastoral colleagues.

- **RECRUITMENT GRANTS**
  to identify and recruit young people for ministry.

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**Leaders of Congregations & Church Related Organizations**

### Grants to Support Young Leaders

**Vocational Resources** to develop resources, curriculums and discernment practices that support young people exploring Christian ministry.

**Pastoral Internships** to provide high school and college age students with leadership opportunities within faith communities.

**Mentoring** to guide and cultivate space for young people to discover their next most faithful step.

### A National Forum

**To exchange ideas, explore insights and share leading practices to cultivate and accompany emerging leaders.**

### A National Gathering & Capacity-Building Grants

**For Christian leaders whose work intersects faith, service and justice and who support young leaders exploring their purpose.**

### Opportunities to Nominate

- Young adults with a commitment to their faith and service and gifts for ministry to attend national and regional discernment events.

### Networks of Support

**Faith, Ministry and Service Network** for faith-based service organizations that work with young adult volunteers discerning their next most faithful step.

**Intentional Christian Communities Network** for leaders of intentional communities that desire to develop and implement initiatives for young adults exploring vocation and ministry.

### Leases of Doctoral Programs

**Institutional Doctoral Network** for theological schools to develop strategies that address barriers to diversity and to strengthen the capacity to cultivate students and scholars of color.

**Mentoring Consortium** for leaders of organizations supporting students and scholars of color to identify and promote best practices for recruiting and mentoring historically underrepresented students.

### A National Forum

**On future theological educators of color to explore common challenges and solutions in developing future religious leaders for the academy.**

### FTE’s Stories & Online Library of Resources

To help leaders accompany young adults in the exploration and discernment of their purpose, passion and calling.

**About FTE:** The Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) is committed to cultivating diverse young adults to be faithful, wise and courageous leaders for the church and the academy. FTE provides resources and a forum for young adults and students to explore their purpose and call to pastoral ministry and teaching. Visit [fteleaders.org](http://fteleaders.org) and click on events, resources or grants and fellowships to explore opportunities listed for young adults, students and church and faith leaders.