



## Moving ahead with MTS and Wycliffe

This booklet is designed to give you a basic understanding of what it means to become an MTS-Wycliffe Apprentice, and take the first step towards future ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Wycliffe's vision is to see disciples of Jesus from the minority language groups of the world growing through the Scriptures being available to them in their own heart language.

The primary role of Wycliffe Australia in fulfilling this vision is to train and support Australian Christians who will come alongside local communities to translate God's Word. We are looking for people who are willing to live cross-culturally and use their skills and character in this task.



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# Multiply Ministry with MTS



## MTS Apprenticeship – (Wycliffe) Scholarship 2017



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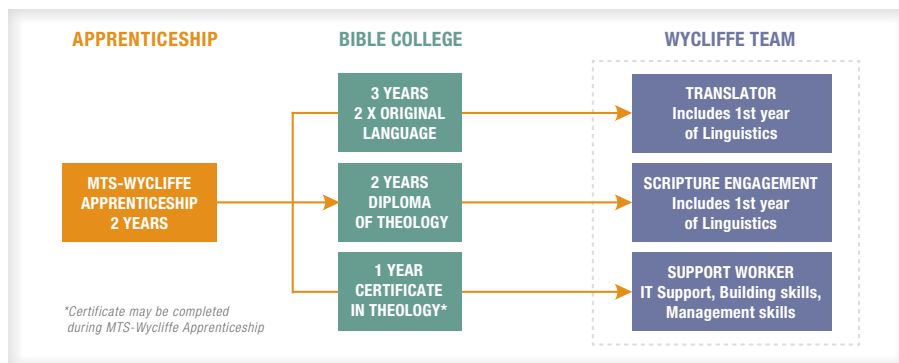
# MTS APPRENTICE (WYCLIFFE) PATHWAY

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## The MTS Apprentice (Wycliffe) Pathway

The MTS-Wycliffe program will run in conjunction with the current Ministry Training Strategy (MTS) program but with an overall mission focus.

An MTS Apprenticeship involves a two-year, hands on, full time training program under the supervision of an experienced trainer. MTS endorses the "train as you play" concept of training, with the ministry context being a church or ministry organisation. If you would like to be a long term Wycliffe cross-cultural worker, spend two years doing a MTS ministry apprenticeship with access to an experienced Wycliffe mentor.



The MTS-Wycliffe program provides cross-cultural training as part of the MTS curriculum. MTS-Wycliffe apprentices will spend approximately 350 hours per year, on average, on cross-cultural ministry training (eg. language and cultural training course, and an annual mission awareness tour). This component will occur under the supervision of a Wycliffe Mentor.

Churches benefit having an MTS (Wycliffe) apprentice as doing so:

- increases the congregation's awareness of cross-cultural ministry
- educates the congregation about the scope, diversity and complexity of Wycliffe's ministry
- challenges the congregation to get involved in cross-cultural ministry
- provides an environment favourable to recruiting future cross-cultural apprentices

# 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 Pfahlert, MTS Director*

MTS has developed an apprentice curriculum that has both compulsory and optional elements. It is a flexible curriculum that can be adapted to an apprentice's context.

## The MTS Apprentice Curriculum grows leaders in 8 learning areas:

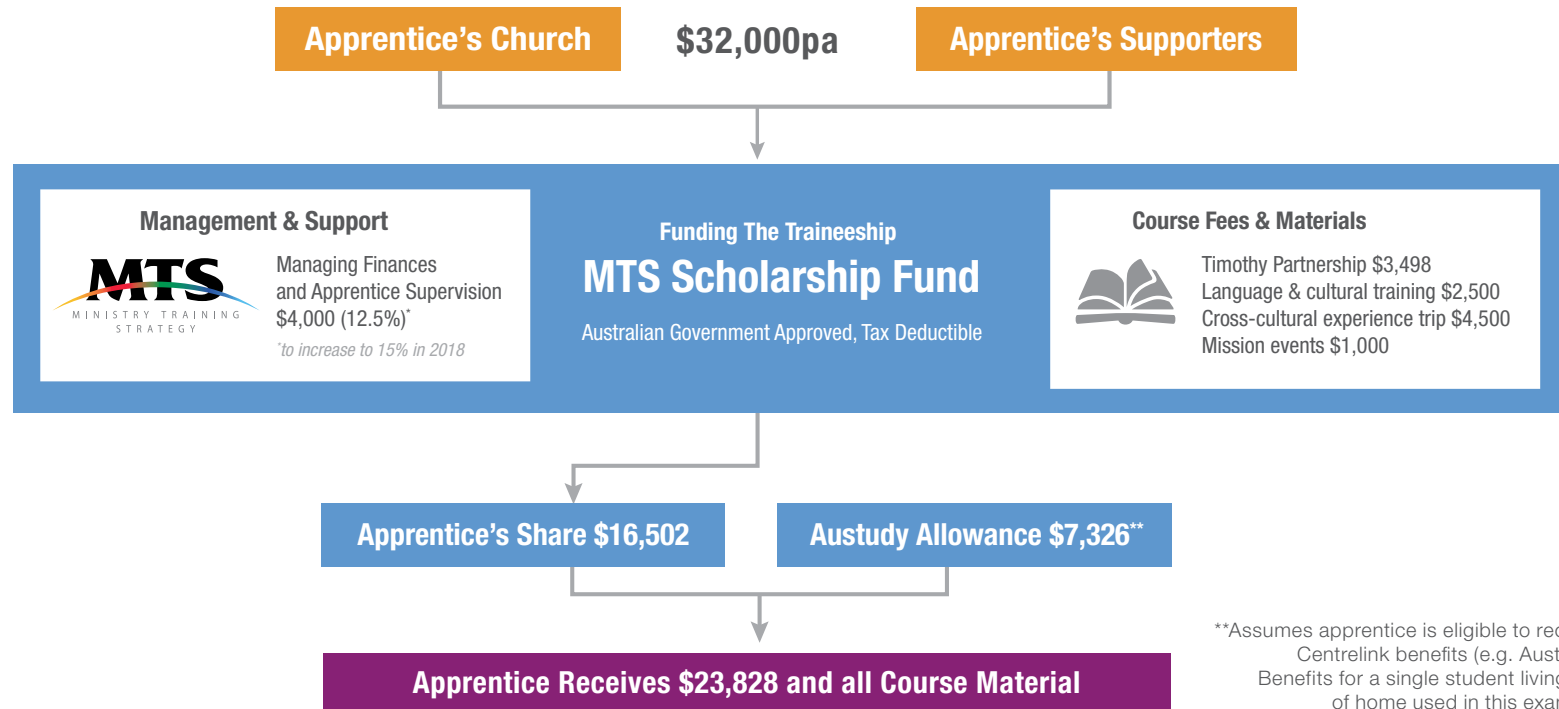
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| 1. Bible Study               | 5. Evangelism and World Mission |
| 2. Thinking Theologically    | 6. Teaching the Bible           |
| 3. Prayer and Godliness      | 7. Train Others in Ministry     |
| 4. Relationships in Ministry | 8. Leadership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

Under the guidance of their Wycliffe Mentor, an MTS (Wycliffe) apprentice will:

- develop a holistic, biblical view of cross-cultural mission by interacting with Wycliffe Bible Translators, including active involvement in short-term mission trips
- develop leadership qualities by working alongside mission leaders and taking on responsibilities under supervision
- experience short-term mission trips connected to the work of Bible translation
- develop the skills necessary to successfully share about mission work in the local church context

# THE MTS APPRENTICE (WYCLIFFE) SCHOLARSHIP

## YOUR ANNUAL FINANCES AT WORK



## YOUR APPRENTICESHIP AT A GLANCE



# MTS (WYCLIFFE) TRAINING PROGRAM

## 1. Language & Cultural Training

- Six week Language & Cultural Training (also known as SILA Launch) which provides the skills for learning another language and working cross-culturally.
- Pre-reading before the cross-cultural experience in the first year.

## 2. Cross-cultural Trip

- Year 1 – participate in a 2-3 week trip (Options include Australia, PNG, and Indonesia).
- Year 2 – take on a leadership role alongside the Wycliffe Mentor in the 2-3 week trip.

## 3. Mission Awareness in the Local Church

- Participate in planning a mission awareness program in the local church context to increase mission awareness. This could be either through participating in the group's mission committee if available, or setting up an ongoing prayer meeting, or creating mission awareness events, etc.
- Utilise the cross-cultural experience to do a short presentation about lessons learnt and to educate others.
- Participate with official Wycliffe representatives in one or two events that are aimed to create and generate interest in mission (e.g. Reach Out conference in Sydney, Activate conference in Melbourne etc.)
- Occasional attendance at Wycliffe events with a view to deepening understanding of how a mission organisation functions, recruits, trains, provides member care and maintains good relationships with the field.
- Research Project: to be negotiated with the MTS Trainer and Wycliffe Mentor.

## 4. Academic Studies in Theology Certificate (ASTC)

- Subjects covered include Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Belief as well as Christian Leadership and Management.
- Participation and interaction with other students in online forums.

## 5. MTS Curriculum

- Personal Development in the 8 key learning areas: Bible Study, Thinking Theologically, Prayer and Godliness, Relationships in Ministry, Evangelism and World Mission, Teaching the Bible, Training Others in Ministry and Leadership.

## 6. Ongoing Interaction with Your Wycliffe Mentor

- Regular meetings between the apprentice and Wycliffe Mentor for the goal of encouraging the apprentice in their journey (minimum four contacts per year).

# USEFUL INFORMATION

## 'Working with Your MTS Trainer

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

The outcome of an MTS Apprenticeship is dependant on the relationship between you and your trainer. As an MTS Apprentice you will be assigned to a workplace (which is an 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.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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.



### 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.



### 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.