

Prepare for the next step.
Form habits for a lifetime.



WHAT IS IT?

Brazos Fellows is a nine-month, part-time fellowship for college graduates who desire to be formed through theological training, spiritual disciplines, vocational discernment, and life together. In partnership with Christ Church Waco (Anglican Church in North America) and faculty and graduate students of Baylor University, Brazos Fellows aims to root serious academic inquiry in the life and mission of the local church.

WHY DO IT?

How do we prepare to faithfully live out whatever vocation God has for us? Brazos Fellows helps graduates discern their next step while developing habits they can take with them for life. Over the course of an academic year, a cohort of 8-12 fellows lives in a rhythm of study, prayer, work, and communal life, all with the aim of better understanding who they are and what God is calling them to.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The program is primarily designed for recent college graduates, especially those who are considering future work in the academy, the church, or other areas of ministry. However, Brazos Fellows also considers applications from twenty-somethings who don't hold a degree, who graduated a number of years ago, or who finished graduate school or seminary and are looking to spend some time in discernment. We accept Christians from across denominations.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

"BRAZOS FELLOWS IS A TRUSTWORTHY GUIDE TO LIFELONG DISCIPLESHIP. THE DIRECTORS ARE DEVOTED TO CHRIST AND MODEL CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT IN SCHOLARSHIP, IN THE CHURCH, AND IN EVERYDAY LIFE."

-Dr. Hans Boersma



THEOLOGICAL TRAINING:

Enter into the story of the Church.



SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES:

Commit to ancient Christian practices.



VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT:

Grow in awareness of design and calling.



LIFE TOGETHER:

Embrace transformative friendships and genuine community.

COURSE OF STUDY

Our course of study introduces fellows to the history of the church and the richness of the Christian theological tradition, considering how Christians have thought about important questions: How do we read scripture? What does it mean to be human? How do we relate to society? Fellows read selections from a long list of classics, from the poems of George Herbert, to *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*, to Basil the Great's *On Fasting and Feasts*, to scriptural commentary by Augustine, Calvin, and Aquinas, and much more. Ultimately, our study helps fellows learn to think *with* the church.

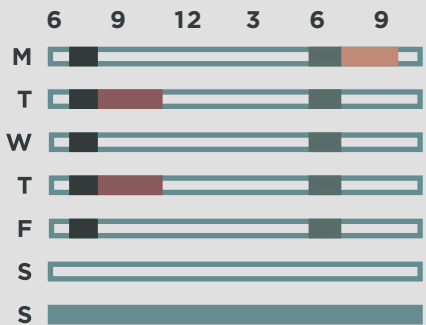


DISTINCTIVES

Brazos Fellows holds together the life of the mind and the life of the soul. In addition to learning from leading Christian scholars, each fellow also works with a team of mentors, seeking growth through one-on-one coaching, tutoring, and spiritual direction. And it all happens in Waco, Texas—a city that features a plethora of cozy coffee shops, hip eateries, and a 400+ acre urban park.



WEEKLY RHYTHMS



- █ **MORNING PRAYER**
- █ **FELLOWS WEEKLY DINNER**
- █ **FREE TIME**
- █ **COURSE OF STUDY**
- █ **EVENING PRAYER**
- █ **WORSHIP & REST**

The rest of the week, fellows are free to work part time, study, meet with mentors, and enjoy life in Waco. Each semester also features several special-topic seminars and a fall and spring retreat.



DIRECTORS PAUL & PAIGE GUTACKER

Paul and Paige serve as Executive and Assistant Directors of Brazos Fellows. After studying church history and theology at Regent College (Vancouver, BC), Paul and Paige moved to Waco, Texas in 2014. In 2018 they partnered with Christ Church Waco to launch Brazos Fellows.

Paul's scholarship and teaching are driven by a desire to see the church recover her historical memory. He is a PhD candidate in History at Baylor University, where he researches nineteenth-century American interpretations of the Christian past.

A certified life coach, Paige pursues her passion for people development through her business, Crossroads Coaching. Paige holds an MA from Regent College and is studying spiritual direction at Truett Seminary. Paige and Paul enjoy life with their son, James Brantley, and their spaniel, Lila.



INSTRUCTORS & TUTORS

Brazos Fellows partners with local clergy and Baylor University faculty and graduate students, giving fellows the opportunity to study with a team of leading Christian scholars who combine academic expertise with passionate Christian commitment.

DR. MATTHEW LEE ANDERSON

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DETAILS

COST

The tuition per fellow is \$5,000 for the program. This includes the course of study, seminars, retreats, cohort meals, and one-on-ones with a tutor, certified life coach, and spiritual director. It does not include books, accommodations, or food.

Brazos Fellows is a part-time program, and we work with fellows to find part-time jobs in the area.

LOCATION

Waco, TX

APPLICATION

The Brazos Fellows application process is competitive. It involves a written application submitted via email, references, and an interview of selected applicants either in-person or by video chat.

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