

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

(PhD ICS)

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program in Intercultural Studies equips students with the skills necessary to conduct original research in any field of intercultural studies that interests them, such as theology of missions, cultural anthropology, history, mission strategy, etc. Experienced intercultural professionals are prepared and educated for careers in a variety of cross-cultural fields. Their knowledge of culture will primarily be influenced by a biblical perspective.

Vision and Mission

The PhD in Intercultural Studies at HBI looks forward to a generation of God-loving, Christ-honouring, and Bible-believing scholar-leaders for India and beyond. Its mission is to equip scholars to be competent researchers, developing creative writing and reflective action from an integrated Christian worldview to contribute to new understandings of cross-cultural and multicultural issues.

The students in this program will not only be skilled in the ability of reaching a people group and discipling them into a movement that will multiply itself, but they will also have a clear awareness of what God is currently doing globally and locally in bringing people to Himself, growing His church, and the strategies He is using to build His church.

Purpose

The HBI PhD in Intercultural Studies is designed to train candidates to become transformative missiologists who will support the growth of cross-cultural leadership and intercultural practise. In order to teach, conduct research, and provide consulting in the development of indigenous missional leaders, it seeks to develop leaders who can provide relevant, credible, and professional leadership.

Objectives

- a) To identify and recruit leaders with leadership and ministry expertise and to provide them with the knowledge and abilities necessary for a career in missiology.
- b) To create a fully integrated missiological centre that supports a learning community founded on Kingdom values, missiological ethos, academic integrity, and pertinent study.
- c) To offer a unique program of study that combines seminars, research, supervised studies, and ongoing mentoring relationships to give students comprehensive knowledge and a range of missiological abilities.
- d) To have a broad-reaching effect on the church through workshops, books, advice sessions, and research in order to support transformational movements and missional leaders.

Outcomes

- a) Engage in an original study on ground-breaking missiological issues, problems, or opportunities to demonstrate your research skills.

- b) Acquire in-depth expertise in a specific area of missiology literature, as well as analytical, interpretive, and theoretical construct knowledge in the area of their intercultural studies study.
- c) Learn how to effectively participate in a community of scholars;
- d) Display pertinent anthropological, historical, and theological knowledge, and name academic seminal works pertinent to intercultural studies.
- e) Engage in independent intercultural, cross-cultural, and multicultural studies study and publication.