



BACKGROUND

The Theology of Work (TOW) Grant Program is a joint ministry of the Mustard Seed Foundation (MSF) in Falls Church, VA, and Bakke Graduate University (BGU) of Dallas, TX. We ask that you take moment to peruse what the grant program is about, which can be found on their website: www.theologofworkgrant.com. For the past 11 years, the TOW Grant Program has been helping universities, seminaries, and Bible schools develop formal and informal faith and work courses for their schools and leadership training networks in over 75 countries of the world.

In this past year we have discovered that several International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE) schools have individually taken advantage of the grant program to help the school be better prepared to teach and integrate TOW concepts and courses into their school's curriculum. ICETE faculty and staff like **Dr. Samuel Kargbo**, *Sierra Leone*, **Dr. Fletcher Tink**, *APNTS, Philippines*, **Dr. Dotun Reju**, *who has worked many Southern Baptist Schools in Nigeria*, and **Dr. Anatoliy Glukhovskyy**, *UETS and Recon Media College in Ukraine*, (to name a few) have been instrumental in working with schools and organizations in regions around the world to resource, develop, and teach Theology of Work.

NEW FOCUS

MSF, in conjunction with BGU, has made the decision to focus a significant part of the TOW grant program to resource and train ICETE School faculty to integrate TOW (Faith and Work) concepts into their curriculum. This would be done in two stages.

1. By offering a 9-week online course entitled **How to Teach Marketplace Ministry in Your School**, designed specifically for ICETE school faculty members. This will be a doctoral-level course that will cover such topics as stewardship, calling, ethics, gifting, and world-view/workview.

During the class, students will interact with other ICETE participants in both synchronous and asynchronous settings. BGU students who have completed the course give it high marks. Post-class evaluations have included such comments as:

- "This course has changed my life in a positive way. I am more connected with God."
- "I was joyfully surprised by this course - by the consistency and quantity of its theme as a dominant thread in Scripture."
- "I wish had taken this course earlier in my career."

This train-the-trainer program will include the same TOW course materials that BGU offers to students who are pursuing doctoral and master's degrees. Graduates of the BGU course are teaching TOW and marketplace ministry classes in schools around the world.

2. Each faculty member taking the course will be matched up with an International TOW Grant faculty member who will mentor you through the course project, which is to develop a TOW course for your school and help you with both grant writing and the teaching process.



ICETE PILOT COURSE INFORMATION

- The class will begin January 14, 2019 and conclude on March 10, 2019.
- The cost of the course is \$525US.
- The Mustard Seed Foundation will pay \$400 of the enrollment fee for each faculty member taking and finishing the course.
- The school or faculty member or ICETE school needs to cover the remaining \$125 to be paid to BGU
- The BGU course will be limited to 25 people
- The plan is to work with three regions a year for each of the next three years. In 2019 we would focus on:
 - **ACTEA**-The Association for Christian Theological Education in Africa
 - **ATA**-Asian Theological Association
 - **E-AAA**-Euro-Asian Accrediting Association
- As you are taking the course BGU will assign to you a mentor who is experienced in teaching TOW to assist you in developing and teaching the first TOW course in your school.
- That mentor will also assist you in applying for a TOW grant to help facilitate the course in your school.

TO ENROLL IN THIS BGU COURSE, go to <https://www.bgu.edu/about/contact-us> to fill out a short application. When you get to the message box at the end of the application type in:

- **The name of the ICETE School where you are teaching.**
- **The country where that school is located.**
- **The discipline of study you currently teach at the school.**

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