



## APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE ADMISSION

# Master of Arts in Ministry & Leadership

The Master of Arts in Ministry & Leadership program at Judson University is an accelerated, innovative, cohort-based program designed to educate, equip, and empower scholar-leaders for vocational ministry in churches and other ministry organizations. Admission to the program will be offered to the applicant whose overall profile demonstrates the ability to succeed in and contribute to both this graduate degree program and future ministry, based on the person's prior and current ministry involvement and a review of the submitted application materials. (See required materials on back.)

Judson University does not discriminate against any applicant due to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, or disability.

### NOTICE OF DECISION

Decisions regarding admission are determined by the Director of the Master of Arts in Ministry & Leadership program and the Department of Christian Ministries.

Applicants will be notified by mail regarding their application status once the application and all ancillary materials are submitted and have been reviewed. Questions regarding application status may be directed to the Administrative Assistant for the Department of Christian Ministries by emailing [deborah.sanders@JudsonU.edu](mailto:deborah.sanders@JudsonU.edu) or 847-628-1124. Note: Application packets that are incomplete will not be reviewed.

Please mail a complete application along with all required ancillary materials to:

**Judson University Master of Arts in Ministry & Leadership**

**ATTN: Dr. Dave Sanders**

**1151 N. State Street**

**Elgin, Illinois 60123**



**BIOGRAPHICAL/PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION:**

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	(Maiden Name)
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	
Email Address	Secondary Email Address	Date of Birth	
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single	_____	
		Social Security Number	

To enhance learning, students are expected to participate in ongoing ministry leadership while in the program, whether on a paid or volunteer basis. If you are accepted into the program, in what ministry organization and role do you anticipate serving? How many hours per week will you serve?

The federal government requests that all institutions of higher learning provide the following information. *Responses are optional.*

Are you Hispanic/Latino?  Yes  No In addition, select one or more of the following races if applicable:

American Indian/Alaska Native  Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  Black/African American  Caucasian

Asian  Multi-racial  Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not a U.S. citizen, please complete the following:  Permanent U.S. Resident  Immigrant

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Country of Permanent Residence What type of VISA will you have?

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:** Please list all colleges/universities previously attended beginning with the most recent.

College/University Name	Location	Degree(s) Earned	Dates

**MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT:** Please provide your ministry involvement history dating back ten years.

Ministry/Church Name	Location	Phone	Ministry Type	Dates of Involvement	Paid/Volunteer?

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT:** Please provide your non-ministry employment history dating back ten years.

Employer Name	Location	Phone	Dates of Employment

**TUITION:**

**Which payment option will you *likely* select for your Judson student account?**

*To discuss these options and to set up a tuition payment plan, you may contact the Student Accounts office at 847-628-2055.*

- Tuition may be paid in full with a single payment on or before the start of the program.
- Tuition may be divided into four billable terms (spring, summer, fall and spring) with each payment due two weeks before the start of the term. The first term will include an advance payment to cover travel and technology costs. An additional fee for utilizing this payment option is required.
- For those graduate students who receive tuition reimbursement, an Employer Tuition Reimbursement Plan (ETRP) may be customized based upon the specific parameters of their employer's tuition reimbursement program. An additional fee is required for this plan.
- Tuition may be paid through the use of accrued military benefits.

**Will you apply for financial aid in the form of student loans?**       Yes     No

*If yes, please complete a free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Contact the Financial Aid Office at 847-628-2534 for assistance.*

**REFERRAL INFORMATION:**

How did you learn about the MA in Ministry & Leadership Program?

- Judson Faculty Member
- Professional Colleague
- Judson Alumni
- Admissions Counselor
- Current Judson Student
- Friend
- Mailing/Brochure
- Newspaper Advertisement
- Judson Website
- E-mail
- Radio Advertisement
- Other



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 JudsonU.edu/ChristianMinistries

Please identify the *specific* source of your referral (e.g. The Courier News, Prof. Billy Graham) to the program. If multiple individuals referred you to this program, please identify the person you feel is primarily responsible for your decision to apply:

**COHORT SELECTION:**

Please indicate which year you are interested in entering the MA Ministry & Leadership Program: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not admitted for the year you prefer to begin (due to lack of available space in the program), would you be willing to accept a guaranteed slot in the following year's cohort?  Yes  No

**ADDITIONAL REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:**

Note: An application will not be reviewed unless all of the required ancillary materials are provided. Please be sure to include the following items with your completed, signed, and dated application:

- Completed survey: "Am I Ready for the Master of Arts in Ministry & Leadership Program?"
- Application fee of \$35.
- Two references from ministry leaders. Letters should speak to the character and Christian maturity of the applicant as well as applicant's potential for ministry leadership. At least one should be from your current place of ministry leadership involvement.
- Official signed and sealed transcripts of all college and graduate work. A grade point of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale is preferred.
- An undergraduate degree in Christian Ministries or a related field is preferred but not required. *For those with non-ministry related undergraduate degrees*, please submit a detailed list of formal and non-formal learning experiences (seminars, conferences, individual courses, books, etc.) for each of the following areas: Theology and Biblical History and Interpretation; Leadership and Administration; Teaching and Speaking; Spiritual Formation, Mentoring and Discipleship; Social Science Foundations: Culture and Human Development
- Typewritten, double-spaced essay (not to exceed 500 words) describing your purpose and goals for pursuing the Master of Arts in Ministry & Leadership.
- Typewritten, double-spaced essay (not to exceed 500 words) describing your spiritual journey to this point including such items as significant influences and key beliefs.

*The whole of the above will be considered regardless of any particular strengths or weaknesses within a single component.*

I certify that the information provided on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to answer any questions truthfully, fully, and accurately may make me ineligible for admission to Judson University or may result in my dismissal from the University.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

- Completed Application Packet \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
- Packet Reviewed by Program Director \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
- Status Letter Mailed \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  A  D