



METRO Trainee

Application Form for 2016-17

(Note: This application form is to be submitted together with the Trainer Application) **Introductory Information**

Completing this application Form:

Please fill out this form electronically. The answer boxes will expand as you type. Once complete, please email to metro.edu.au@gmail.com.

METRO is a full time ministry training program within a local church where the METRO trainee is disciplined by a trainer experienced in gospel ministry.

Each Trainee will be enrolled in the Timothy Partnership: Academic Studies in Theology Certificate. This study will occupy on average 0.5 days per week.

METRO is ideally suited for people who are moving towards gospel ministry roles such as Church Pastor, youth ministry, women's ministry, children's ministry, and a range of pastoral assistant roles.

- Because the Certificate is accredited by the Australian College of Theology, Austudy is available for eligible students enrolled in the program. Further information about the Certificate can be found on the Timothy Partnership website. <http://timothypartnership.com.au>
- It is suggested the Trainee's church and supporters would contribute \$14,000 p.a to supplement the allowance available through Austudy (up to \$8,500).
- The METRO fund would contribute \$6,000 pa
- From the Training Fund the administration fees, course fees and materials, and material from Matthias Media will be paid.
- The Trainee should then receive approximately \$23000 depending on meeting eligibility criteria for Austudy participants.
- It is expected that the prospective Trainee and Trainer will have already developed a training relationship, for example through METRO Prep.
- I also undertake, if I do eventually go to a theological college and reside in New South Wales at the time, to give strong consideration to the Christ College (formerly PTC) Sydney as my training college.

More information and details concerning the METRO course, including financial arrangements, are available at www.metro.edu.au

The deadline for this application is 31 August, 2015

Compulsory INTERVIEWS for BOTH trainers & trainees will be held **18 September, 2015** The interviews will be held at Church Offices, Chalmers Street, Surrey Hills

It is expected that both Trainee and Trainer will attend the interview.

Proposed Trainee Details

Name	_____	D.O.B.	_____	Sex	_____
Spouse's Name	_____				
Children & Ages	_____				
Address	_____				
				Postcode	_____
Phone (H)	_____	Phone (W)	_____		
Mobile	_____	E-mail	_____		

Proposed Trainer Details

Name	_____	D.O.B.	_____	Sex	_____
Church Name	_____				
Address	_____				
				Postcode	_____
Phone (H)	_____	Phone (W)	_____		
Mobile	_____	E-mail	_____		

1. Why are you applying to participate in the METRO Scheme?

2. If you are married, what is your wife's/husband's opinion of this application?

3. At the present time, what hopes or plans do you have for gospel ministry beyond the METRO training?

4. What ministries are you currently involved in within your church?

5. Tell us how you became a Christian.

6. Provide an example of a simple explanation of the gospel as you might explain it to an unsaved friend.

7. Tell us about your personal Bible reading and prayer?

8. The METRO course requires self-motivated reading, learning and practical application. How do you think you will go with this?

9. List your personal strengths and explain how they will be helpful to you in undertaking the METRO course and its ministry involvement.

10. List your personal weaknesses and explain why they are a problem for you, and how they could be a problem in undertaking the METRO course and its ministry involvement.

11. Summarise a Christian book you have read recently and tell us what you personally gained from this book.

12. Tell us about the most recent evangelistic activity that you have been involved in. What methods/materials did you use and what were the results?

13. It is likely that during METRO will receive a smaller income than you have been used to. What estimate of income is required for you and (if applicable) your family make ends meet?

14. Do you suffer any health problems or moral issues (such as internet pornography) that would be likely to affect your ministry? If so, what are they? How are you likely to be limited?

15. Describe your present relationship with your proposed Trainer. Please provide detail.

16. What do you think are your proposed Trainer's strengths?

17. What do you think are your proposed Trainer's weaknesses?

18. Please list your academic history commencing with High School and post High School (including results).

19. Please detail your employment experience since High School.

20. The METRO Committee may withdraw funding at any time the Trainee or the Trainer fail to meet the requirements of METRO (eg failing to report regularly etc). Do you understand this and agree?

21. Having considered the relevant documents and information available from the METRO website (www.metro.edu.au), do you have any concerns or questions?

Responsibility checklist

Please indicate your willingness to meet the responsibilities expected of a METRO trainee:-

A METRO Trainee will:-

- make every effort to complete the METRO curriculum
- abide by the reporting schedule
- follow the directions of the METRO trainer
- attend annual METRO conference
- report significant problems to the Coach and report immediately if for any reason it become impossible to continue training

These are important questions you will be asked at the interview. It is important that you are prepared to answer them.

1. Have you done the BTS course?
2. Do you have a Working with Children Check? Do you have the number with you?
3. Does the Session and Congregation support your application, and if so, are you able to provide and extract minute from the Session confirming this?
4. Do you have a mentoring relationship with your potential trainer?

Working with Children Check

All METRO trainees are required to complete the **NSW Working with Children Check** and submit it to the Session. These forms are available from the METRO website – www.metro.edu.au/resources/.

Final Checklist

Please ensure:

- ✓ you have completed the **Working with children checks** - www.metro.edu.au/resources/.

Please submit:

- ✓ your application.
- ✓ a photo of yourself.

along with your Trainer's application and email to **metro.edu.au@gmail.com**

Thanks for taking the time to fill out this application.

After the interview the committee will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible afterwards, the success or otherwise of your application and any other relevant further information.