

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis**  
**SPONSORSHIP OF SEMINARY CANDIDATES POLICY**

*Adopted by the Board of Trustees on March 11, 2013*

The Church is committed to supporting the development of Unitarian Universalist ministers. Under policies set by the Unitarian Universalist Association's Ministerial Fellowship Committee, each candidate for fellowship as a UU minister must be sponsored by a UU congregation. Through its Sponsorship of Seminary Candidates Program, the Church sponsors seminary students in the context of an active church community. The Committee on Ministry shall oversee this program.

**Eligibility**

- Seminary students who have completed their first year of studies and have achieved candidate status are eligible to apply.
- Students are encouraged to advise the Church of their intention to apply before the end of their first year of seminary.
- Applicants may be present or past members of the Davis Church or individuals who have moved into the area while they attend seminary.

**Application Procedure**

The application procedure shall include:

- A letter or personal statement that includes a summary of work and involvement in Unitarian Universalism.
- An interview, as determined by the Committee on Ministry.

Seminary candidates shall be recommended for sponsorship by the Committee on Ministry and approved by the Board of Trustees.

**Program Guidelines**

- Only one sponsored candidate shall be accepted in any given year, and there shall be no more than two at any time.
- The sponsorship shall continue for no more than two years.
- The student shall be supervised by the Senior Minister, and, if appropriate, a lay member of the Church.
- The Church does not offer financial assistance other than regular fees, such as those for speaking from the pulpit.
- The program for each sponsored candidate shall be determined on an individual basis and may consist of such elements as preaching or leading worship, working in one or more of the Church's ministries, leading a specific Church program, participating in a district or continental event (perhaps as a delegate of the Church), contributing to Church publications, and regular meetings with mentors.

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