

PROGRAM COSTS

We want to ensure the program is affordable to those in our region who would benefit from participating in it. Thus we have a variable program fee framework:

- Full program fees per unit: AUD3,300 (approx. RM10,200/USD3,350). [Total program fees cost for full-fee paying students: AUD19,800 (approx. RM61,000/USD20,000)]
- Scholarships will be available for self-funded students who derive their income from lower economic countries. Scholarship-eligible students will contribute AUD1,100 per unit (approx. RM3,400/USD1,100). [Total program contribution for scholarship-eligible students: AUD6,600 (approx. RM20,500/USD6,700)]
- Australian citizens may qualify for government fee-help.
- Further subsidies may also be available to students on a case-by-case basis in negotiation with AGST Alliance.
- Fees/contributions may be paid on a semester by semester basis.

Note: The cost of travel and accommodation for the 5-day on-campus session for each of the six units is not included in the tuition fees.

APPLICATIONS

Details of the application process will be available soon.

FURTHER DETAILS:

For more details about aspects of the program, visit <http://www.tabor.vic.edu.au/study/ma/aid-development>

FOR ENQUIRIES, CONTACT EITHER:

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THE PARTNERS



AGST ALLIANCE

AGST Alliance is a SE Asian regional theological education venture offering specialised post-graduate programs for church leaders and theological/Bible college faculty, to equip them for more effective Christian ministry and mission. www.agstalliance.org



Malaysian Care is a leading and highly respected Christian organisation committed to serving those who suffer physically, emotionally, intellectually and who encounter social and spiritual problems. Its diverse areas of service include providing relief, development assistance, vocational training and advocacy to needy people irrespective of race or religion. www.malaysiancare.org



Tabor College (Victoria) Inc is a multi-denominational Christian independent higher education provider and registered training organisation in Melbourne (Australia). Tabor Victoria offers courses from certificate through to masters degrees. Their innovative vocation-based MA program, the MAVP, offers an Aid and Development specialization. www.tabor.vic.edu.au

Master's program
equipping people for

Transformational Development

to be launched in 2013



**AGST Alliance &
Malaysian Care**

in collaboration with
Tabor College (Victoria) Inc



Introducing the first Asia-based Master's program to integrate development practice and Christian theology.

From 2013, **AGST Alliance** and **Malaysia Care** in collaboration with **Tabor College (Victoria) Inc** will offer an Asia-based cycle of Tabor Victoria's **Master of Arts in Vocational Practice (Aid and Development) program.**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The program provides a graduate-level qualification for Asians and non-Asians based in Asia, who are working in the fields of advocacy, aid and development and social welfare. Participants may be working in specifically Christian or 'secular' organisations or international or local NGOs. Participants continue in their work/home settings while they go through the program.

Normally, applicants will hold a tertiary degree from a recognised university and have experience in fields relevant to this program. Applicants not possessing an undergraduate degree may seek provisional admission, if they have had a minimum of 7 years relevant experience in fields relevant to this program. English proficiency is required – generally, a minimum of IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 570 (Computer-based score 230; Internet-based score 90).

QUALIFICATION GAINED

Graduates will be awarded the Tabor Victoria *Master of Arts in Vocational Practice (Aid and Development)*. This award is accredited with the Commonwealth Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education; and the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority – hence, is a widely acceptable, 'portable' qualification.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- A 3-year part-time, blended on-line and campus program.
- 6 units, each spanning about 5 months (2 units per year).
- Each unit has 3 phases:
 - ~ 10 weeks guided reading/research (with internet-based interaction);
 - ~ A 5-day intensive residential facilitated learning workshop;
 - ~ 8 - 9 weeks for further personal reflection and completing a group research project in response to an agency need.

The on-campus sessions of each unit will most likely take place in/near Kuala Lumpur, hosted by an AGST Alliance member seminary or Malaysian Care.

STARTING DATE

The first unit will commence in February 2013, with the on-campus sessions 12 - 19 April.

PROGRAM CONTENT

The program content seeks to integrate theology with practice, with emphasis placed on the development of a personal theology and spirituality sufficient to sustain and motivate Christians working in the demanding arenas of justice and development.

The 6 units range over areas including community and organisational development and leadership; advocacy and human rights; doing theology in context; sustainability, climate change and justice; and spiritual formation.

FACULTY

The program faculty will be those already teaching in the Tabor Victoria program, including program director Steve Bradbury (for 25 years the National Director of TEAR Australia, 10 years as chairman of the Micah Network and current chairman of Micah Challenge International).

The program will draw on practitioners and other informed professionals from within the SE Asian region.

A further strength of the program is the relatively high degree of interaction and 'contextualising' between the students who are themselves practitioners bringing significant experience to the learning experience of the cohort.

COMMENTS FROM PRESENT STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM

"This program has been highly valuable in helping me work through many of the emerging questions presented by working in the Christian aid and development sector... I highly recommend this course to anyone in the development sector who wants a theological and practical grounding for a biblical approach to development."

"The MAVP (Aid & Development) program has provided the space I needed to reconnect my faith and daily work – I was drifting towards dualism!... If you're looking for a Master's program that links theological reflection with practice then I commend Tabor's MAVP to you."

"The MAVP (Aid & Development) program has been very instrumental in challenging me to broaden and deepen my thinking in relation to aid and development work cross-culturally and the every day living out of biblical principles in the face of poverty and injustice in our world."

"The MAVP (Aid & Development) program has been a catalyst for demolishing the false divide between my faith and work, between correct theology and secular practice, and has brought Scripture to bear on every part of life... this course has impacted on my approach to work, my understanding of the role of the church, and on my consumer habits and involvement with politics."