

**M. MAY ROBERTSON—J. W. FARMER—H. I. HESTER  
POSTDOCTORAL LOAN FUNDS**

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION  
901 COMMERCE  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37203  
615-254-8823**

**POLICIES**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the loan funds administered by the Southern Baptist Foundation of the Southern Baptist Convention under this program is to assist full-time faculty and administrators from qualifying Southern Baptist educational institutions with doctorates to pursue postdoctoral study/research. **Funds are limited because those applying under doctoral program are given preference.** Qualifying Southern Baptist educational institutions are the six Southern Baptist seminaries and those institutions that receive financial support from their state Baptist convention through Cooperative Program funds for operations, are promoted by their state Baptist convention as part of the convention's programs and ministries, and whose governing body is elected by their state convention.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applications for loans are invited from full-time faculty or administrators in a qualifying Southern Baptist educational institution meeting the following criteria:

1. The applicant must be an active member of a Southern Baptist church.
2. The applicant must have been accepted in a program of postdoctoral study/research which can be expected to improve his or her effectiveness and must have officially informed the administration of the institution where currently employed of plans.
3. The applicant must hold the doctorate in his or her field.
4. These loans do not apply to those doing postdoctoral study/research at a Southern Baptist theological seminary. An exception might be made in an unusual case.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

1. Persons who meet all qualifications outlined above should apply to the Southern Baptist Foundation of the Southern Baptist Convention, 901 Commerce, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, 615-254-8823, on an application form provided by the Southern Baptist Foundation. In all instances the earliest possible application date is advised. When possible, all supporting documents for the **application must be received by April 15 for consideration for funds for the next academic year.**
2. The president and dean of the qualifying Southern Baptist educational institution where the applicant is employed full-time must write to the Loan Committee of the Southern Baptist Foundation to recommend the applicant, approve the applicant's plan of study/research, and state the value of the applicant's study/research to the institution.
3. When applying for a loan, all academic terms during which the applicant wishes to be considered for assistance must be indicated at the time of the initial application.
4. Renewal from one academic year to another will be dependent upon maintaining satisfactory work.
  - A. A progress report must be sent to the office of the Southern Baptist Foundation at the close of each term.
  - B. The current address of the recipient must be provided to the office of the Southern Baptist Foundation at all times until the loan is fully repaid.

5. A maximum of \$4,000 may be lent from the fund for any academic year and \$1,500 for the summer. The maximum total over the five-year period is \$10,000. Though the maximum amount may be applied for each time, the Loan Committee may award less, depending on available funds.

#### REPAYMENTS:

1. The borrower agrees that after completion of the postdoctoral study/research to repay the loan in kind by service in a qualifying Southern Baptist educational institution at the rate of \$2,000 for each academic year completed until unpaid balance is satisfied. Repayment through service will begin at the point borrower provides official notification of the completion of postdoctoral study/research.
2. The borrower agrees that after completion of the postdoctoral study/research to repay the loan in cash plus interest if the borrower fails to repay in service at a qualifying Southern Baptist educational institution. The unpaid loan balance will be repaid at minimum of \$2,000 per year plus interest (at a rate set at the time of the loan) within a maximum time of five years. The Loan Committee will set the annual rate of repayment.
3. The borrower agrees that if, before completion of the postdoctoral study/research, the borrower resigns or otherwise terminates from a qualifying Southern Baptist educational institution, the loan is automatically due and payable, and repayments in cash plus interest as described in "Repayments" paragraph 2 start within 30 days.
4. The borrower agrees that if, before completion of the postdoctoral study/research, the borrower is employed in a non-qualifying Southern Baptist educational institution, the loan is automatically due and payable, and repayments in cash plus interest as described in "Repayments" paragraph 2 start within 30 days. Borrower must agree that failure to notify the Loan Committee of the position at a non-qualifying Southern Baptist educational institution gives the Loan Committee the right to go directly to the employing institution to determine the date the position was accepted. If a position is accepted at a non-qualifying Southern Baptist educational institution and the Loan Committee is not notified immediately, interest starts from the time the position is accepted.
5. The borrower agrees that if the borrower or adviser decides that the borrower should not continue his or her postdoctoral study/research for any reason, repayment of the loan in cash plus interest as described in "Repayments" paragraph 2 begins 30 days after withdrawing from postdoctoral study/research.
6. The borrower agrees that if, during the time a loan is being repaid in cash plus interest, the borrower accepts a position in a qualifying Southern Baptist educational institution, the unpaid balance may be repaid in kind by service beginning with the date the borrower begins service in a qualifying Southern Baptist educational institution. Credit for repayment by service is credited to the account only after one academic year of service has been completed and verified to the Southern Baptist Foundation.
7. The borrower agrees to reimburse the Southern Baptist Foundation for reasonable legal costs incurred if, while repaying in cash, the borrower fails to repay on time or otherwise breaches the borrower's agreement and the services of an attorney are necessary.
8. These policies supersede all previous regulations, and are to be considered the latest.

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**DEADLINE: April 15**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

**Home Address:**

(Street) \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home Phone) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Email) \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Address:**

(Position) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Institution) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State Zip) \_\_\_\_\_  
Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(FAX) \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ No. of dependents \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received funds from the Robertson/Farmer/Hester Postdoctoral Loan Fund previously? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Are you an active member of a church related to the Southern Baptist Convention? \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of church \_\_\_\_\_

Date you started or plan to start postdoctoral study/research: \_\_\_\_\_

Date postdoctoral study/research to be completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly summarize plans for postdoctoral study/research (attach proposal if necessary).** \_\_\_\_\_

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List other financial aid sources beyond normal salary and benefits. \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your highest earned degree and from which school? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years employed at current institution: \_\_\_\_\_

**(see Policies, "How To Apply," paragraphs 3 & 5)**

Total amount of loan you are applying for: (use back of application form if needed)	Amount	Semester & Year
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Southern Baptist Foundation office use only:

\_\_\_\_ Letter from president of applicant's institution  
\_\_\_\_ Letter from dean of applicant's institution