

Ridley Hall, Cambridge is launching a fully flexible online learning experience for all interested in sport and ministry.

The Ridley Award in Sports Ministry is an accessible and easy way to engage with the wisdom of over twenty sports-ministry specialists, theologians, and other leaders in ministry, and to be supported to apply the learning you gain in order to grow and develop within your existing ministry context.

Undertaken in your own time and at your own pace, the Award will enable you to go deeper in your theological and biblical understanding, develop your ability to utilise sport in ministry, and support you to go further in your calling as a Christian disciple. Launching this May, the Award will be accessible to all through the Ridley Hall website at www.ridley.cam.ac.uk.

Are you passionate about sport and Jesus? Perhaps you are exploring a calling to sports ministry? Maybe you volunteer for a sport's organisation, or you're in your first post?

If you're excited about the potential of sport for God's purposes, the Ridley Award is a fully flexible online learning experience that will support you to go deeper into God's purposes for your life. At its heart, the Award will give you the opportunity to grow as a disciple of Christ while developing as a sports minister.

Growing in discipleship

The Ridley Award is a new concept in ministry and theological education. Drawing on the ancient Christian tradition of Catechesis, the Award is an engaging, purposeful, and fun way to explore all that God has for you. The context may be sport, fitness, and wellbeing, but the focus is your deepening experience of God.

A fully flexible online format

The Ridley Award is hosted online, so you won't need to travel to Cambridge. Instead, we will bring all the wisdom and experience of Ridley Hall, where we have been training missionaries, priests, church leaders, youth, family, sport and schools ministers for over 140 years, to you.

The Ridley Award has been designed for you to undertake in your own time and at your own pace. We recommend taking a minimum of 200 learning hours to complete the whole Award, but the learning potential is endless!

What's involved?

The Ridley Award is made up of 18 sessions. Each session is a mixture of hearing from others, activities, and reflections, all of which have been purposefully designed to support your development as a Christian interested in sports ministry.

Do I have a tutor?

The course is overseen by tutors at Ridley Hall, and they engage with public posts and comments on a regular basis. However, there is no requirement to engage with Ridley tutors. Instead, the course has been designed to support you go deeper in your ministry context and we therefore suggest you undertake it with the support and engagement of someone from your church, whether that is the church leader, a mentor, youth worker, or whoever is the right person for you.

Who designed the Award?

The Award has been designed and created by staff at Ridley Hall in Cambridge, with the help of ministry friends from all walks of life. A number of the contributors have extensive experience of sports ministry, but you will also engage with theologians, evangelists, church leaders and others.

How much does it cost?

The first session is free, so do try it out! The full cost of the Ridley Award is £495, if paid for in one instalment. Alternatively, spread out the cost by undertaking the Award in three stages. Each stage costs £185. This would make the total cost of the Award £555 for someone paying in this way.

What does the Award give me?

As a graduate of the Award, you will have progressed in your own discipleship journey and further explored your calling to sports ministry. As a result, you will have a deeper understanding of God, the Christian tradition and of sports ministry itself. We hope that this will act as a springboard into the next stage of your calling including the possibility of further study, either with us or with other theological educators across the globe.