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## Applications invited for the Good Samaritan Study, Accompaniment and Mentoring (SAM) Program for Catholic women

Applications are invited for the 2027 Study, Accompaniment and Mentoring (SAM) Program for Catholic women, an initiative of the [Sisters of the Good Samaritan](https://goodsams.org.au). Core components include financial assistance for women undertaking tertiary studies, spiritual direction and mentoring.

Since their foundation and throughout their history, the Sisters have been committed to the flourishing of women. They have educated girls and women from pre-school to tertiary levels and have been engaged in adult education and adult faith formation.

The SAM Program offers financial assistance to women undertaking tertiary study. The grant can be spent on tuition or other expenses associated with the completion of the qualification.

Core components of the SAM Program include opportunities for spiritual accompaniment and mentoring. Invitations are also offered for participants to come together to share their experiences and to explore questions arising from their study in conversation with experienced women leaders in the Church.

### Criteria

- Catholic women aged 30 years and older who are resident in Australia, Kiribati, the Philippines or Japan – countries where the Sisters of the Good Samaritan live and minister;
- An interest in the academic, spiritual and mentoring components of the program;
- Identification of current study being undertaken or a proposed course at a recognised theological institution;
- Evidence of leadership exercised in any context. Leadership experience in a not-for-profit organisation or a faith-based institution will be highly regarded; and
- Special consideration will be given to women who are experiencing financial hardship or who live in isolated communities.

Further information is available online: [Applications invited for women's Study, Accompaniment and Mentoring Program | The Sisters of The Good Samaritan \(goodsams.org.au\)](https://goodsams.org.au)

To request an information pack, please send an email to [samleadership@goodsams.org.au](mailto:samleadership@goodsams.org.au)

**Applications for the 2027 SAM Program close on 31 July 2026.**

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