



2026 STUDENT PROSPECTUS

BECOME FORMED IN YOUR
CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP & THEOLOGY

HELLO FROM TIM & NICOLA



Hey there,

We're so excited you are considering applying to FORMA Hillsong Ministry School for 2026!

There comes a moment when you know you are being called to go deeper. To invest in your growth, to stretch your faith, and to step into all God has placed within you. This School has been designed to create that very space for you!

Whether you choose the Biblical Studies or the Leadership Track, you will learn principles that will help you form lifelong practices, becoming a whole and healthier disciple of Christ, equipped to serve His Church with greater strength and confidence.

This is not just about study and practical experience — it's about transformation (hence the school's name FORMA), and as part of the school community, you'll journey alongside like-minded people, building friendships that sharpen and encourage you.

By applying, you're choosing to invest in the potential that is within you. If you're hungry to grow, ready to be stretched, and willing to learn, then we would love to see you as part of the 2026 school community.

Tim and Nicola Douglass – UK Lead Pastors

WHY FORMA?

The word “Forma” originates from the Latin word “fōrma,” meaning to shape and structure.

Throughout Scripture, we see that God is not merely interested in what we know, but in who we are becoming.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” – Romans 12:2

At FORMA, you won’t just study Scripture — you’ll be shaped by it. You won’t just explore calling, you’ll be formed for it.

Because we believe that who you become in Christ is the foundation of everything you do for Christ.

Some may be called to preach, some to serve behind the scenes, others to influence in business, education, or the arts. Whatever the context, formation comes first.

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TWO TRACKS ONE SCHOOL

There are two tracks to choose from in 2026

01 BIBLICAL STUDIES

02 LEADERSHIP

Both tracks have been designed to ensure students who may also be working full-time have the time to engage with school and studies.

All live online sessions are held on Wednesday evenings at 8pm (see page 7 for 2026 dates), and additional sessions are available on demand to learn at your own pace.

For both tracks, there are two national in-person days held in London: Induction and Chapel, and for those applying to leadership, two additional dates are included and provided in advance so you can plan ahead.

We have provided you with an average weekly commitment for both tracks so you can choose which track works best for you, and to what level you wish to study.

This is the average weekly time we estimate you will spend as a student at school, taking into account in-person days, online sessions, and recommended personal study time.

Written assignment

During the summer, all students will be given an extended writing assignment to complete based on one of the topics they have studied, and feedback will be provided.

APPLY TODAY

01

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Foundational theology
January–October 2026



2-4 hours
average weekly
commitment



60% solo study
15% in person
25% live online



10 topics
covered

This track is ideal for those who desire to deepen their understanding of scripture and build lifelong personal study patterns. Covering topics such as:

- Genesis & Exodus – Creation and Covenant
- Proverbs and Ecclesiastes – Wisdom for Everyday Life
- The Intertestamental Period – The Time in between
- Jesus and The Synoptic Gospels – The Life of Jesus Through the Gospels & Acts
- The Prison and Pastoral Epistles – Paul’s Letters to the Early Church
- Revelation – The Letters to the Seven Churches

Students will be expected to attend the scheduled live online sessions and then receive on-demand sessions each week to learn at their own pace.

This track also includes one additional in-person local session, which will take place at your Hillsong Location during September and will be arranged during your studies.

02

LEADERSHIP

Practical ministry experience and personal leadership
January–October 2026



4–6 hours
average weekly
commitment



50% solo study
25% in person
25% live online



16 topics
covered



Hands on
ministry
experience

As well as learning alongside the Biblical Studies students, so that you can grow in your foundational theology, those on the leadership track will also participate in additional live online sessions covering a range of leadership topics such as:

- Servant leadership
- Emotional intelligence
- Integrity and character
- Communication and influence
- Resilience and well-being

In addition to the two in-person days for Induction and Chapel, there are two Thursdays called ‘staff days’ when you’re invited to spend the day with our UK-wide team in London. This includes attending our staff meeting and an additional in-person session.

These Thursdays will be a meaningful opportunity to connect, grow, and experience the heart of church life behind the scenes. As this may require time off work, attendance is optional.

There will also be one in-person local session which will take place at your Hillsong Location during April and will be arranged during your studies.

Practical ministry experience

During the second half of the school year, as a student on the leadership track, you will be involved in a location project that will be tailored specifically to your next step of development and provide you with hands on experience.

KEY DAYS

BIBLICAL STUDIES

In person days – London

January 31st Induction Day 11–4pm,

May 23rd Chapel Day 11–4pm,

Late October Conference

Local session

Date to be arranged during your studies

Live online dates – Wednesdays 8pm

February 11th

March 4th

April 29th

June 3rd

July 15th

August – Summer break

September 9th

October 7th

LEADERSHIP

In person days – London

January 31st Induction Day 11–4pm

March – Thursday 19th staff day (optional)

May 23rd Chapel Day 11–4pm

July – Thursday 23rd staff day (optional)

Late October – Conference

Local session

Date to be arranged during your studies

Location project

Will take place during the 2nd half of the school year

Live online dates – Wednesdays 8pm

February 11th

March 4th

April 15th + 29th

May 13th

June 3rd + 24th

July 15th

August – Summer break

September 9th + 30th

October 7th

We expect a minimum attendance rate of 80% throughout the school year. Before you apply, please check your availability.

FEES & APPLICATION

FOR FORMA 2026, WE ARE OFFERING BOTH TRACKS HALF PRICE:

BIBLICAL STUDIES £300
LEADERSHIP £350

FROM 2027 ONWARDS, FEES WILL BE:

BIBLICAL STUDIES £600
LEADERSHIP £700

This includes all in-person and online sessions, as well as your 2026 experience at Hillsong Conference.

You can pay all at once or select 'pay in three' during the application process.

All fees must be paid in full by January 31st 2026.

Your school fees do not include any additional reading materials you may choose to purchase or your travel costs for in-person days. By providing you with all dates at the start of your school experience, you will be able to plan your travel ahead of time.

Once you've completed FORMA, you'll receive an alumni code that can be used to re-enrol for another year, switch to a different track, or share with someone interested in joining.

The code provides a £60 discount on enrolment.

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Applications take roughly 10-15 minutes to complete.

For those applying to the Leadership Track, once your application is received, you will be sent a link to schedule a 15-minute online call with a member of the school team.

FAQs

Q. WHAT COURSE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

The Biblical Studies Track is ideal for those who desire to grow and deepen their understanding of the scriptures. It also offers the most flexible school experience, with fewer in-person days and more on-demand sessions available to learn at your own pace.

The Leadership Track would suit any individual who currently holds leadership responsibility within their church or workplace or aspires to do so.

With hands-on ministry experience included in this track, those who complete the Leadership Track are better equipped to carry responsibility and lead with integrity, both in their personal walk and in serving others.

Q. CAN I DO A SECOND YEAR?

Yes, as this is our first year of FORMA, 2027 will be slightly different, and we would love you to return for a second year. You will experience different content and contributors, and if you wish, switch tracks.

We strongly encourage those who are discerning church leadership and church planting to consider doing a second year on the leadership track.

For those who wish to pursue more formal theological studies, you can explore Hillsong College Online at hillsong.com/college

Q. WHO WILL BE DELIVERING SESSIONS?

Alongside our national Hillsong UK leaders, we will be bringing a selection of incredible teachers and thinkers to contribute. During our first year, most of our sessions will be ‘in-house’ from the UK and Hillsong College.

Q. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I’VE COMPLETED FORMA?

We hope you have the best time while at FORMA and look forward to seeing all students put everything they have learned into practice, either through building lifelong personal study patterns or leading with integrity in your church or workplace.

If FORMA has helped you discern your decision to pursue full-time vocational ministry, we want to help you as much as we can.

Q. WHAT IF I CAN’T PAY MY FEES IN FULL BY JANUARY 31ST 2026?

We have been mindful of keeping the costs of FORMA at an affordable rate; therefore, unfortunately, we cannot offer financial aid or additional discounts.

If you would like to defer your application to 2027, we can offer you an alumni code in advance,

which will reduce the standard fee for 2027 by £60. From there you can opt to pay via three instalments for 2027 when applications open early 2026.

Q. I AM NOT BASED IN THE UK, CAN I APPLY TO FORMA?

Depending on the country you are based in, it may be possible. To discuss this further, contact us at school@hillsong.co.uk

Q. I HAVE A QUESTION THAT ISN’T LISTED HERE

You can get in touch with us at school@hillsong.co.uk

HELLO FROM MARIE



Thank you for taking the time to review the FORMA student prospectus.

As we began to structure and shape what this school would look like, it became incredibly clear that FORMA would become a unique offering.

Throughout the UK and Europe, and across all denominations, we are seeing an increasing number of churches supported and led by volunteers. Church leaders and Bible teachers emerge from every sphere of society, not just through traditional ministry training pathways.

We're also seeing an increased desire to learn the scriptures. People seeking out the voice of God for themselves through the Word of God, rather than settling for second-hand understanding.

Therefore, creating a school that offered flexibility and a balance of time was key. Learning at your own pace quickly became a core value for FORMA.

In addition, one other core value is personal study and development. We truly long to see lifelong practices form in all our students so that they become whole and healthy disciples of Christ. We have created a variety of pathways for students to stretch themselves outside of the core curriculum, to learn, grow and explore the call from Christ on their life in their own time.

With a sharp focus on training leaders and Bible understanding disciples, I believe the way we have structured and shaped FORMA, will serve and shape you in who you are becoming.

I look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to FORMA 2026.

Marie Aitken – FORMA Hillsong Ministry School Director

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