

## G'Day!

Thank you for your interest in participating in Global Disciples Sydney, a Pioneers Discipleship Training Community. Although this application form may look big at first, don't be put off! The questions are simply designed to help us get to know you better. Think of it like a conversation that helps us know how GDS can best serve you.

### Which cohort are you applying for? \*



Day    Month    Year

### Do you have a Pioneers member who referred you to GDS?

### What is their name and email?

Name Surname, example@example.com

### Your Name \*

First Name    Last Name

### Your Current Address \*

City    State / Province

Country

### Gender \*

**Date of Birth \***



Year      Month    Day

**Your Email \***

example@example.com

**Phone Number \***

Country Code                      Area Code                      Phone Number

**Which messaging apps do you use with this phone number? \***

- WhatsApp
- Signal
- Telegram

**Marital Status \***

**Name of Spouse**

**Will your children be attending with you? \***

- Yes
- No

**What are their names, gender and ages?**

## Current Church

### Name of Church \*

Include city/country of church

### Advocate at Church

First Name      Last Name

### Lead Pastor's Name \*

First Name      Last Name

### Email \*

example@example.com

### Email

example@example.com

### Is your sending church different than your current church?

### Name of Church

(include city/country of church)

## Sending Church

(only fill out if different than home church)

### Lead Pastor's Name

First Name

**Email**

example@example.com

**Advocate at Church**

**Email**

example@example.com

**Describe how you became a Christian, and how your life has changed since knowing Christ. \***

**How would you explain 'the gospel' in one or two sentences? \***

**Have you read the entire Bible before? \***

This is a requirement for attending GDS. If you have not yet read the entire Bible, let's talk about how you can do so before attending!

**Describe your heart for ministry including your sense of God's leading into cross-cultural ministry. \***

**How do you maintain a dynamic relationship with the Lord? \***

**When do you see yourself serving cross-culturally? \***

**Have you determined a people group or region you would like to serve amongst? If yes, please share. \***

**Gift / Skill Mix**

**Vision**

**Please describe your current understanding of your gifting and your skills and how they might be used in cross-cultural service. \***

**Briefly explain what kind of role/s you have previously served in within your local church ? \***

**Are there any specific types of ministry that you are drawn to (e.g. working with children, sports ministry, etc) \***

As part of the Pioneers family, we believe we must all be lifelong learners if we are to serve the Lord well and minister fruitfully cross-culturally. Whether through informal or formal education, God has already been developing you to serve cross-culturally, and we'd like to hear how!

### **Formal & Informal Education**

**Undergraduate, Graduate, Post Graduate. Include training institution or organisation and date completed.**

**Certificate, Internship, Short Course. Include training institution or organisation and date completed.**

**List any subjects studied or seminars you have attended in missiology/ministry - e.g. Cultural Studies, Theology of Mission, Church Planting, Personal Life of the Cross-Cultural worker etc. \***

## **Cross Cultural Ministry Experience**

**Have you had any practical cross-cultural ministry experience before? \***

**If yes, over what length of time?**

**If yes, briefly explain where, what and with which people group/s. \***

**In what areas do you desire further preparation and training in cross-cultural ministry? \***

## Reference 1: Church/Pastor

Only fill out references if you do not have a Pioneers member who referred you to GDS.

### Name

First Name      Last Name

### Phone Number

Area Code      Phone Number

## Reference 2: Peer/Mentor/Friend

### Phone Number

Area Code      Phone Number

## Reference 3: Employer/Other (If Required)

### Phone Number

Area Code      Phone Number



## Expectations

### Email

example@example.com

### Name

First Name      Last Name

### Email

example@example.com

**What are you most excited about being trained in through Global Disciples Sydney? What do you think the most challenging part will be? \***

### Name

First Name      Last Name

**Are you interested in taking any of these optional trainings in addition to GDS?**

- Pioneers Online Security Training
- Pioneers Advanced Security Training (in-person only)
- Pre-GDS ESL track
- Principles of Marketplace Ministry (Business as Mission)
- Biblical Studies

### Email

Global Disciples Sydney seeks to be creative and flexible in how financial arrangements are made, so we want to do our best to communicate well in this area. In general, we want you to grow in faith in seeing God's provision as well as experience a community living into financial koinonia (partnership/sharing) with each other.

**How much monthly income do you normally have each month (please note your home currency here as well)? \***

**Do you have additional expenses you would need to be paying during GDS? (schooling fees, debts, mortgage, etc.) \***

## Pioneers Statement of Faith

Below is the Pioneers Statement of Faith. If you have any reservations concerning these doctrinal statements, or if you have any questions or comments you would like to make, please feel free to do so in the space provided below.

- WE BELIEVE that the Holy Scriptures, consisting of Old and New Testaments, were originally given by God, divinely inspired, without error, infallible, and are entirely trustworthy and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice.
- WE BELIEVE in one God, Creator of all things, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- WE BELIEVE in our Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, his virgin birth, sinless life, divine miracles, vicarious and atoning death on the cross, bodily resurrection, ascension and exaltation, mediatorial work, and personal, imminent, and visible return in power and glory.
- WE BELIEVE that Adam and Eve, created in the image of God, were tempted by Satan, the god of this world, and fell; that their sin has passed to all people, who as a result are lost, are unable to save themselves from the wrath of God, and need to be saved.

- WE BELIEVE that salvation is a gift of God to those who repent and personally believe in Jesus Christ; that it is accomplished by God's grace through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
- WE BELIEVE in God the Holy Spirit who indwells all believers enabling them to live holy lives, and to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ despite opposition from the world, the flesh, and Satan.
- WE BELIEVE in the spiritual unity of all true believers, the universal Church, the Body of Christ.
- WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of eternal life with God, they that are lost unto the resurrection of eternal condemnation separated from God.
- WE BELIEVE that Christ commanded the Church to go into all the world and make disciples of all peoples, baptising them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teaching those who believe to obey all that Christ commanded.

**If you have any reservations concerning these doctrinal statements, or if you have any questions or comments you would like to make, please write them here**

As you engage in Global Disciples Sydney, we have found that it is best for you and us to have thought through some of these further details (your answers are more for open communication and self-awareness than to qualify for the training).

Pioneers is an evangelical community of cross-cultural workers. Within this community there are a range of beliefs on "secondary issues" not addressed in our Statement of Faith. These are a few of issues that we find can be tension points on teams if not approached with an ethos of humility and grace:

**What do you believe about women serving in official church leadership positions? What do you think about the charismatic spiritual gifts? Would you be able to work well on teams where people hold differing beliefs than you in these areas? \***

**How would you describe your physical health and fitness? Is there anything in your physical, mental, or emotional health that could impact your service cross-culturally? (e.g. anxiety,**

depression, phobias, past trauma etc.) \*

## What next?

After we receive your application packet, we will follow up with you via video chat to hear your story better and learn how we can best serve you as you follow Jesus wherever He leads you.

**What do you believe about the charismatic gifts of the Spirit in the Church today? (healing, speaking in tongues, etc.) \***

**Do you have any other comments or questions?**

**Would you be willing to serve with others who believe differently than you in these (and other) areas? \***