

Roetzel Family Summer Scholarship

Macalester College gratefully acknowledges the commitment of Dr. Calvin J. Roetzel and Mrs. Caroline Roetzel for establishing an endowed fund at the college for the purpose of supporting students interested in furthering their scholarship in religious studies.

Calvin Roetzel spent 36 years at Macalester as a beloved professor of Religious Studies, chairing the department and teaching wildly popular classes in biblical studies. He was named the Arnold H. Lowe Professor in 1982. He is the author of numerous books and a world-renowned scholar of the apostle Paul. He sought to place Paul in his cultural context as a Greek-speaking Jew, and he was fearless in his approach to texts held to be sacred by many people. He was also a treasured colleague, friend, advisor and mentor. Caroline Roetzel was a longtime teacher and administrator at St. Paul Academy. Calvin and Caroline's commitment to education is rooted in the belief that knowledge and learning can be pathways to improving one's own life and the lives of others. Their gift is made possible by Calvin's parents' hard work and determination to make certain that he, along with his siblings, would have the opportunity to attend college. In honor of this, Calvin and Caroline have generously established a summer scholarship to allow students to broaden their knowledge and benefit from adventurous academic work.

Applicants

Sophomores and juniors may apply for support in the following summer.

The Roetzel scholarship will be granted to students with clearly defined academic goals for summer work. Students may apply to support travel, independent research and community engagement, the study of languages, or preparation for senior honors projects.

In the summer of 2026, one to two student(s) will receive up to \$3000 to support an academic project related to religious studies.

In the Fall of the following academic year, the selected student(s) will briefly present their research to the department and invited guests including Dr. Roetzel and Caroline. Fellowship recipients are strongly encouraged to participate in the Summer Research Poster Day organized by Macalester College in the Fall of each cycle.

Applications should be submitted to Sara Dion (electronic submission preferred - sdion@macalester.edu) by February 27, 2026.

Application Form

Name:

Date of graduation:

Major/s and over all GPA:

Description of project (Describe your proposed summer work and how it contributes to your educational goals at Macalester; 200-300 words):

Budget (may include living expenses):

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