## Tibetan Nuns Project Geshema Exams 2018









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It's exam time! This summer, 46 Tibetan Buddhist nuns will sit various levels of their rigorous fouryear Geshema exams.

There will be 13 nuns taking their first round of examinations, 15 nuns doing their second-year exams, 8 nuns doing their third-year exams, and 10 nuns doing their fourth and final year. All being well, there will be 10 new Geshema graduates this autumn.

The Geshema exams are being held at <u>Dolma Ling Nunnery and Institute</u> from August 15-26. All the nuns taking exams will gather at Dolma Ling on July 15, a month in advance, as they need to study together and make their final exam preparations.

We need help to cover the costs of travel for the nuns to and from Dolma Ling and for their food during their 6-week study and exam period.

The Geshema degree (or Geshe degree for monks) is roughly equivalent to a PhD in Tibetan Buddhism. This highest degree was, until recently, only open to men. Now Tibetan Buddhist nuns are making history. In the last two years, 26 Tibetan Buddhist nuns have earned this degree.

The Geshemas are paving the way for other nuns to follow in their footsteps. This degree will make them eligible to assume various leadership roles in their monastic and lay communities reserved for degree holders and hence previously not open to women.

## Help the nuns earn their Geshema Degrees!

Total cost: US \$10,000

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