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Columbia University is offering a program of spirituality and psychology and is the first major research university to do so.

“It’s a very significant step, because outside of the faith-based training programs, these training programs related to religion and spirituality have been few and far between,” said Julie Exline, the president of a division of the American Psychological Association focused on the subject. “It helps to make the topic seem more mainstream and less fringy.”

New York Times

The University of California has a \$5 million grant to research reports of an afterlife and a researcher from the University of B.C has a \$3 million grant to study the interface of religion and morality. It has been reported that other US universities are looking into including spirituality in their programmes too.