The MTA-SZTE Research Group for the Study of Religious Culture, a research group supported by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and attached to the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Szeged began its activity on 1st July 2013. It sees itself as situated in the border zone of various disciplines dealing with social, historical and cultural aspects of religions, the churches, present-day culture and society. It focuses on ethnographical, anthropological, sociological, historical and spiritual approaches to religious culture, also investigating the changing social background, especially in the 19th–21st centuries.

The research group operates in a historically Christian (Roman Catholic and Protestant) social and cultural environment with a strong interest in the Jewish and Muslim religious cultures. The multidisciplinarity, inter-religious and ecumenical perspective provides a stimulating environment for the research, making a distinctive contribution to both the local and the international academic community. In cooperation with theological and religious studies, it strives to carry out its work with a sound historical basis in which theory and practice, empirical facts and their interpretation, historicality and normativity are closely intertwined.