

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP AT CONNECT CITY

1. What is the cost?

Connect is a faith supported ministry and we rely on God to provide the funding for the ministry. Because of this all of our team at Connect help raise the support needed for our programs including our Internship Program. Our goal for our Interns is that they come to Toronto with a minimum of \$4,000.00 (Canadian funds) to cover the initial costs of the program. This gets us off to a good start in helping cover the costs for housing, food, transportation and training costs to host you and also provides you with a small stipend each month so you can do some things you enjoy like see a movie, enjoy a coffee, etc.

2. Where will I be living?

You will be living in community (with other Interns) in an apartment, men with men and women with women. You will shop for groceries, do household chores, and pray, etc together. We believe that much is learned through living in community and that it is vital for your spiritual and leadership development. Plus, the folks you live with will become your life - long friends.

3. How do I get to Toronto?

Each Intern is responsible for their travel costs to Toronto. Once you are confirmed as an Intern we will send you the exact date you are to arrive in Toronto (It will be sometime during the second week of September). We will have someone at Pearson International Airport to pick you up. All arrangements will be made through the office and we will contact you with the information when you are accepted.

4. How do I apply?

Just download the Internship forms on the website and complete them (including all references). Email them (or snail mail if you prefer?) to us. The sooner you send in your application package the better as there is a limit on the number of Interns we can take into our program.

5. What about passports / visa?

Everyone outside of Canada flying into Pearson International airport will need a passport. International Interns will also possibly need a working visa. We will flag any international applicants who have been accepted into our program as Interns and will be in contact with you regarding how to get a visa.

6. What are the program dates and application deadlines?

Our internship runs from September – May each year. But we can take some interns in any time of the year.

7. What will I do?

Once you arrive in Toronto you might go away on training / team building retreat so that both you and staff can get to know one another. This kind of thing is important as some Interns will possibly come from different parts of the world. During this training time (or something similar to this training time) you will be introduced to your mission's partner who you will serve with for the year. Since we encourage our Interns to create new ministries time will also be spent on learning about the churches and communities we will be working in and deciphering what skills, gifts and passions you have that will indicate what God might want to start through you in the coming months. For the next 9 months you could create and build a sustainable ministry through a church or church plant in a vulnerable community while receiving coaching, mentoring and training. Or, you might enhance a ministry already in place. We will also gather weekly for worship and prayer. Throughout the year there will be some time off for fun.

8. Will my friends and family be able to visit? Can I visit home during the year?

Yes! Each year we will host some weekends where friends and family can come, visit and get to know about what you are doing and see our team. We also break over Christmas for two weeks so you can visit home over the holidays if you choose to.

9. Why Connect Internship Program?

There are many great programs out there that provide opportunities to serve or be trained. Short term mission projects and even year round internships are available to provide these opportunities for people.

These wonderful programs fit their volunteers into a set role that they are to perform within the mission agency. However, what makes Connect unique from these other programs is that we don't slot our Interns into a set role within Connect but we work with them in developing their leadership skills while they serve. This is why we are looking for a specific type of person to intern with us - young emerging leaders with risk – taking, innovative and entrepreneurial

passion who feel called by God to go into full – time ministry. If you are the type of personality that likes to be directed into clear cut ministry roles while slotted into a specific, routine ministry program you will quickly find out that Connect is not for you. We are seeking risk – takers who can create and / or make ministry happen with little resources and loads of faith. Our prayer is that when the internship is over our Interns will have the knowledge and skills to be a missional leader wherever God places them.

10. Can I Further My Education At Connect?

Yes you can if we are currently in the programmatic season of our partnership with Antioch School Of Church Planting And Leadership Development (go to www.connectministries.org and click on the “Antioch School”) who can grant fully accredited Bachelors and Masters degrees in Theology and Ministry. This is a competency based teaching model heavily geared toward Leadership Development, Skill Development and Theological Knowledge. The good news is that it also is only a ¼ of the cost of a campus based Bible College or Seminary.

Don't see your question here? Please contact colin@connectministries.org and he'll be happy to talk with you.