



Do you have a sense that God might be calling you to something but you're not quite sure what that something is?

The College Internship Project is a time of intentional discernment for young people who are wondering where God is calling them. Interns spend the summer working alongside a pastor and, if indicated, a church staff member in their selected field as they learn the ins and outs of ministry in the local church.

ARE THESE PAID INTERNSHIPS?

Pastoral Interns receive a stipend of \$5000 for the summer, enabling them to devote themselves to the project. Housing for the summer will be provided by the host congregation.

WHO?

Individuals interested in an internship must meet the following criteria:

- Between 18-24 years of age
- Completed at least one year of college with a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Are interested in exploring ministry as a vocation
- Active in a church or campus ministry at the time of their application

Individuals applying for a internship need to send the following by the application deadline:

- Completed application form indicating their preferred placement in general pastoral, age-level, or music ministry.
- Current photo
- Three letters of reference including at least one from the pastor from their home congregation or any campus ministry with which they have participated

WHERE?

Interns are assigned to a congregation within the Texas Annual Conference, which encompasses the eastern third of the state from Texarkana to Bay City, including Houston, Beaumont, College Station, Galveston, Lufkin, and Tyler.

WHAT?

Following the selection of interns, those participating will begin their summer with a mandatory orientation retreat in May. They will then start their internship in a local church under the supervision of the pastor of the church. In the case of age-level or music ministry internship, the intern will also be paired with the full-time ministry professional in the area of interest (children/youth/family/music). The internship is intended to be expansive in nature, and interns will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in all aspects of pastoral ministry, including pastoral care, visitation, outreach, leading worship, and preaching. Age level and music interns will gain additional directed experience in leadership in those areas. During the summer, each intern will be invited to preach at our Conference Chapel. At the conclusion of the summer, interns will participate in a reflection retreat in order to process and reflect on their experiences.

HOW?

Register by sending your application, photo and reference letters no later than March 15, 2024. Interviews will follow, and decisions will be announced before the end of March.

** Late applications will only be accepted if space is available.*

REGULAR	
Application, Photo & Reference Letters Due	March 15
Notification of Selection	By March 30

OTHER DATES AND INFORMATION

MANDATORY DATES

Orientation Retreat: May 20-21
Annual Conference: June 9-12
Reflection Retreat: July 30-31

Send completed application materials by the deadline to Ben Burnside at bburnside@txcumc.org



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"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'
And I said, "Here am I, send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

EXPLORE YOUR CALL THIS SUMMER

MAY 20 - JULY 31