

Hope Mission Internship Program

The Hope Mission Internship Program seeks to provide a hands-on, interactive learning experience for young adults, students, and post-grads seeking experience working in the inner city and the non-profit sector. Interns will gain valuable career skills, increased knowledge, professional contacts and leadership skills.

Who Should Apply?

- University students or graduates who would like to gain “real world” experience and career skills in their field of study. Internships look great on your resume!
- Individuals considering a career in the non-profit and/or social services sector
- Individuals who want to use their abilities to serve others and gain more experience in Christian ministry
- High school graduates looking for a meaningful gap year experience
- College/university students seeking internship/practicum credit

Why Should You Apply for an Internship at Hope Mission?

- Gain hands-on work experience in the inner city
- Gain professional career skills
- Meet new people
- Have fun!
- Use your creativity and passions in a meaningful way
- Gain networking opportunities
- Use your abilities to serve others
- Grow in leadership skills
- Experience character development
- Experience spiritual growth

Internship Opportunities

We work with you to match your interests and skills with Hope Mission’s needs and objectives. Applicants are asked to rank their top three choices, as not all positions are available at the same times of the year. Internships are available in a variety of areas, including, but not limited to:

- Bargain Shoppe
- Child and Youth Ministry (Edmonton, Calgary & Wetaskiwin)
- Farming/Gardening/Agriculture (Bethany Homes Wetaskiwin)
- Food Services
- Fundraising/Development
- Horses of Hope Ministry (Bethany Homes Wetaskiwin)
- Men's Ministry and Addictions Programs
- Music and Drama
- Rapid Exit Program (Housing)
- Special Events
- Women's Ministry and Addictions Programs
- Youth Shelter and Outreach Ministry

Programming

Each intern will fill a key role within Hope Mission while working alongside a seasoned supervisor in their department. Interns participate in individual internships as well as group activities, special projects, Bible studies and seminars, all of which are designed to provide a well-rounded look at inner-city ministry.

Interns will participate in a seminar series as a way to learn more about inner-city ministry and its many related issues. We offer seminars as a way to engage interns in their ministry, as well as teach key career and leadership skills. Possible seminars for this year include talks on: Addiction and Mental Illness, Servant Leadership, Community Development Basics, Personality Diagnostic and Strength Finder, History of Urban Missions, Stereotypes of the Homeless, The Housing First Initiative, Building Career Skills: Time Management, Conflict Resolution, Goal Setting, Teamwork, Work/Life Balance, Intervention Crisis Training, and Aboriginal Awareness

Group activities occur on a monthly basis as a way for interns to fellowship together and have fun! Activities may include:

- Hiking and camping trip
- Jasper getaway
- Brightwood Ranch retreat
- Local coffee house concert
- Karaoke night

- Bowling or laser tag
- World Wide Waterpark
- Beach/picnic day

Program Dates and Duration

Interns will be placed within a department of Hope Mission for 4 months, 8 months or 12 months, depending on preference, availability and department needs.

Internships generally begin in May, September and January; however we are open to accepting interns throughout the year based on positions that are open and the suitability of the applicant. Interns have the option to intern in two to three different departments during the 8 month or 12 month internships.

Full-time internship positions involve 40 - 50 hours of service per week, in addition to group activities.

Part-time internships are available for individuals unable to commit to a full-time internship, however part-time interns are not eligible for housing or a stipend. Part-time internships positions require a minimum of 15 hours per week.

Housing/Accommodations

Room and board is available for full-time interns, along with a monthly stipend. Full-time interns may also be eligible for a \$1000 bursary if returning to school upon the completion of their internship.

Requirements

- Interns must be 18-30 years old.
- Interns should be committed Christians, dedicated to spiritual growth and willing to uphold Hope Mission's vision and values.
- Interns must be prepared to commit to a full-time work schedule as well as to the activities, special projects, bible study and seminars.
- Interns are required to submit a current (within the last 6 months) police information and child/youth intervention check if offered a position at Hope Mission

Thank you for your interest in Hope Mission's Internship Program!

Please submit the application form and a copy of your resume, and have two references submit the confidential reference forms (preferably by email) to:

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