

JOB DESCRIPTION
Senior High Student Ministry Intern
Independent Presbyterian Church

General/Summary Description:

The Student Ministry Internship at Independent Presbyterian Church is designed to be a training ground for college graduates who desire to serve the local church while being equipped for future endeavors in ministry. The Student Ministry Intern (SMI) will serve Senior High students (9th – 12th grade) alongside the leadership of the Senior High ministry.

Qualifications

1. Understand and embrace the gospel leading to a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Be an example to our students of one striving to follow Christ, albeit imperfectly, while also being a person in need of daily repentance.
3. Possess the ability to connect to our students and develop meaningful relationships with them as a means of ministering to them with the gospel.
4. Have the ability to clearly communicate from the scriptures, proclaiming God's grace to sinners and promoting gospel-driven discipleship.
5. Possess maturity and responsibility, endearing trust among parents, parishioners, staff, etc.
6. Possess a spirit of cooperation capable of being "team-player" with staff and volunteers.
7. Possess teachability that is willing to learn the "how-to's" of student ministry in our particular context.
8. Have received a bachelor's degree. Studies in the area of youth ministry and/or biblical studies are welcomed but are not required.
9. Grasp and hold to a basic understanding of the Reformed faith.

Duties & Responsibilities:

1. **Contact Work** - Our desire is for all IPC students to be loved, cared for, challenged, fed, and encouraged in Christ. In order for this to take place, our student ministry staff must be a presence in the lives of the students, and thus, a major aspect of the internship will be relational component. SMI should be proactive in seeking opportunities to spend time with our students (e.g. "one-on-one's", non-programed group gatherings/activities, etc.), be available for the students whenever the need for them arises, and even attending extra-curricular activities with which our students are involved.
2. **Weekly Programs** - Provide assistance during our regular weekly programs. IPC Student Ministry meets three times during a normal week: Sunday morning Sunday School (large group), Sunday night small groups; and Wednesday night fellowship/discussion. An SMI will have a support role in all of our programs that could vary from setting up/tearing down to a minimal amount of teaching. The specifics of the support an intern will provide will be tailored to the needs of the ministry and to the particular giftedness of the intern.
3. **Additional Activities** - Provide assistance in all additional activities designed to promote community, service, outreach, and fun. These activities include Summer Camps, Mission Opportunities, Community-Building Activities (e.g. Ski Trips, Lock-ins, Campouts, movie nights, etc.), and Church-Wide Events (e.g. Vacation Bible School, Camp Palmer, etc.).
4. **Administration** - While much of student ministry takes place 'on the field', some aspects of this role must be accomplished in the office as well. Therefore, keeping regular office hours is required. Though this is a flexible schedule, especially given the nature of student ministry, when outside the office during established office hours, communication of how/where you can be reached is necessary.
5. **Training** - Not only will the intern serve the church, the church will serve the intern by providing them with training that will assist in developing a coherent philosophy of ministry and recognizing/utilizing his/her particular gifts. This training will in conjunction with the Reformed Youth Ministries' internship program, and will consist of weekly meetings, mentoring, participation in RYM's annual Youth Leader Training conference, and taking online seminary classes. Upon the conclusion of the two-year internship, interns would continue a degree of their choosing at either Reformed Theological Seminary or Covenant Theological Seminary at a reduced rate.

Accountability

1. The Lord Jesus Christ (for ultimate accountability).
2. An SMI would be employed by the session of Independent Presbyterian (for job description and policy decisions).
3. The Senior High Director (for immediate supervision and performance evaluation).