



INTERNATIONAL

RUF International Campus Minister - University of Texas at Austin

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION:

RUF International is the Presbyterian Church in America's ministry for international students on university campuses across the USA. RUF-I ministers are ordained teaching elders, called by Presbyteries (area PCA churches) to *welcome the nations and equip kingdom ambassadors*. More internationals study in the USA than any other nation. RUF-I ministers mobilize, equip, and lead teams to reach these future culture shapers.

WHO RUF-I CAMPUS MINISTERS ARE:

- On-campus, RUF-I ministers serve foreign-born students. Campus ministers are not "missionaries" to certain groups. As university recognized advisors for a registered student organization, RUF-I ministers serve as externally (church) funded chaplains for internationals and offer pastoral support for those in international student ministry.
- Off-campus, RUF-I ministers challenge and mobilize churches to "see the harvest" for global-local world missions. As "the church going to campus," RUF-I ministers equip God's people (Ephesians 4:12) in biblical hospitality, to obey God's mandate to love resident foreigners (Exodus 23:9, Lev. 19:34, Deut. 10:19, Matt. 25:35).

WHAT RUF-I CAMPUS MINISTERS DO:

In partnership with Christians and churches, RUF-I campus ministers: • WELCOME students from all nations — with gospel deeds of biblical hospitality. • EXPLORE the gospel with internationals — with gospel words in Bible discussions. • EQUIP Christian internationals to become servant-leaders for God's kingdom. RUF-I campus ministers set goals to pursue these through one-on-one relationships, small groups, special events (on and off-campus), and dinner-and-discussion programs.

HOW RUF-I CAMPUS MINISTERS ARE SUPERVISED:

RUF-I ministers are under the authority of Presbyteries. PCA Presbyteries call, ordain, and oversee the minister's life and doctrine. RUF-I ministers report to a RUF committee, comprised of Presbytery teaching and ruling elders, who approve campus budgets. In addition, RUF-I campus ministers receive pastoral care, leadership training, ministry coaching, and regular field supervision from the RUF International Area Coordinator.

HOW RUF-I CAMPUS MINISTRIES ARE FUNDED:

The RUF office receives, receipts, and administers support for each campus account. RUF-I ministers are responsible to raise a budget (salary + housing allowance + health and insurance benefits + program) with support from their Presbytery, local churches, and individual donors. RUF Presbytery Affiliation Agreements set protocols and deficit policies in order to insure the long-term sustainability of each RUF-I campus ministry.

CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND GIFTS:

Applicants must ordinarily attend a RUF Assessment and demonstrate intellectual and relational abilities to love students from other religions, cultures, and worldviews with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15). RUF-I campus ministers may have prior world missions experience, must have an M. Div. or equivalent, and be ordainable in the PCA.

WHO TO CONTACT ABOUT APPLYING:

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