

The House  
**Internship Application**  
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## General Information:

Our internship program stands in a tradition of ministry internships that spans across the nation. Churches, seminaries, youth groups, parachurch ministries, and campus ministries have all had interns be an integral part of their ministry. We are proud to model our internship program on many of these ministries that God has so obviously blessed. We consider ourselves to be a part of what God is doing all over this country (and the world!) in giving young people the opportunity to serve Him in a focused ministry while preparing them for the future of church leadership.

The House internship is a training program designed to give interns opportunities to discover and use their spiritual gifts; to develop spiritually and theologically; to work in an atmosphere of personal and professional guidance and support; and to gain practical ministry training. Interns will be able to explore ministry in a variety of settings, including: one-on-one ministry, small groups, large groups and other ministry activities.

This internship does not simply facilitate the ministry of the House. Rather, it is our hope and prayer that the internship be a leadership development program for the future of the church. Our goal is not necessarily to provide the church with more ministers (though many interns have gone on to become involved in full-time ministry), but to develop servant leaders who will use their gifts for the building up of the body of Christ. And while The House is a non-profit, campus ministry, we are supported by several churches in the Chattanooga area, and we encourage our interns to take opportunities to learn from the leadership in those churches as well.

Our interns function as part of our House staff in helping to fulfill our mission statement...

To bring college aged individuals in the Chattanooga area to a *deeper knowledge* and *love* of Jesus Christ, and to *equip* people for ministry.

## Details of Internship:

### Length of Internship:

10 months (Approx. August 1-May 15)

### Responsibilities:

Being the lives of students as both friends and peer ministers; meeting with students one-on-one for discipleship, listening & evangelism; leading small group Bible studies; planning ministry events (ie - retreats, conferences, mission trips); helping to organize social activities that serve as extensions of our ministry; dreaming up and creating ministry programs with your unique gifts; and maintaining a lifestyle of study and spiritual discipline in such a way that Jesus is your first love and priority.

### Qualifications:

Recent college graduates who profess faith in Jesus Christ. Applicants will be considered on the basis of commitment, motivation, goals, experience, the composition of the staff team, and how this opportunity might fit into what God seems to be doing in the life of the applicant and the ministry.

### Selection of Interns:

Interns will be selected through an application and interview process. The intern application is designed to serve two purposes: it helps the selection committee understand the applicant's experience, goals, and understanding of ministry and it helps each applicant better discern, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the specific call God has for his/her life. The selection team sees themselves as partners with the Lord and the applicant in determining what the next step is for the person applying.

### Timeline for Selection:

Applications due:	February 15
Interview with Selection Team: (by phone or in person)	February 16 - 25
Intern team announced:	March 21 (latest date)

### Number of hours/week:

50-55

### Compensation:

\$1000/1200\* month

### Housing:

Interns live with local church members who serve as "host families" for the intern year. Room and board expenses are covered by the host family.

\* The \$1000 is the intern's monthly salary. The \$200 is used as a benefit stipend. The stipend first pays for the intern's medical benefits. The remaining amount can be used for dental, vision, or any other medical costs not covered by their medical policy. These salary figures are competitive with comparable university ministry internship programs at University of Washington, University of Colorado, and Wake Forest University. An additional reimbursement for ministry expenses up to \$50/month would be provided for each intern.

## Intern Responsibilities

### Weekly Functions of an Intern

- 50-55 hours a week, with at least one full day off per week.
- 6 hours a week minimum spent studying.
- Lead a weekly Bible study
- Spend the bulk of your time in one-on-one ministry with students, for discipleship, accountability, listening.
- Help organize and run large group functions (The House, Tuesday Lunch, etc)
- Attend House staff meetings.
- Meet regularly with senior staff members for guidance, support, encouragement, and accountability.
- Maintain a personal discipline of Bible study and prayer.
- Attend a local church.
- Help to maintain and improve ministry facilities and offices.

### Other Functions

- Help organize and run weekend retreats.
- Organize and participate in short-term mission trips.
- Teach at least once on Tuesday night.
- Grow in knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.
- HAVE FUN!

## Prospective Intern Questions

Please respond briefly (one page maximum per question) to the following questions:

1. Please describe your faith journey. Include how God got your attention and some significant experiences and people that He used along the way. How has this journey prepared you for this position?
2. How does this position fit into your short and long term goals? What do you want to get out of this experience? What do you bring to the internship in terms of strengths and weaknesses?
3. Suppose that someone you feel comfortable with and know very well had asked you to explain the Christian faith to him or her. How would you explain it and what would you say?
4. If you were to have unlimited resources (time, energy, talents & funds) to plan an event/program to reach college students for Christ, what would you do? As you imagine planning this event/program from start to finish, what parts of it would you feel comfortable with, and what parts would you rather ‘delegate’?

**Please type responses and attach a résumé with two references. Include a letter of recommendation from both references.**

1. One who can reference your faith journey (pastor, mentor)
2. One who can reference you on an employment and/or academic level (employer, professor, etc.)

**Send by February 15 to:**

**David Burke  
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**If you have any questions regarding this application, our ministry or the application process please feel free to contact any member of our staff.**

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