

Church Planting Summer Internships

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DATES: June 8 – July 31

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 31

COST: \$500 + Residency Expenses

- \$500 - paid to the [Midwest Alliance via the MNA online payment portal](#) by May 31. **Wives can sit in for free.** \$100 registration fee + \$50/person/training session which are provided regardless of whether the internship has a residential component. Registration is non-refundable.
- Any residency expenses, including travel and housing, are the responsibility of the intern and can vary depending on multiple factors (travel distance, whether 1 or 2 nights of overnight housing, meals, etc).

Interns who are seminary students at CTS, RTS Charlotte, or RTS Orlando who have completed the CPRS and been encouraged to pursue church planting will be eligible for scholarship funds of \$250 each towards the virtual component of the internship and can apply for funds on a sliding scale based on distance and frequency of visits to cover/defray residency expenses. A proposal must be submitted by 5/31.

COMMITMENT:

Absences at training forums must be approved in advance unless of an emergency and unforeseen nature.

THE BIG IDEA:

Because of the current pandemic it is not possible to host normal church planting internships this summer. Rather than simply write off the summer, the Midwest Alliance will enable men and women to continue moving down the path towards church planting and help them to explore the possibility of a call to church planting by providing virtual or, in some cases, “hybrid” (part virtual, part on-site) internships. These internships will last for 8 weeks and consist of **two primary components**:

TRAINING

8 training and discussion forums (*4 hrs/week; 32 total hours*)

- 5 training modules in church planting
- 5 interviews with current church planters
- 3 training modules with NXTGEN

PRACTICUM

Being paired with a current church plant/planter in the Midwest region (*4 hrs/week or 32 total hours for a virtual internship; resident internships on a case by case basis*). Specifics are worked out in a contractual arrangement between the planter/leader, the intern, and the Director of the Midwest Alliance.

In this portion of the internship, some of the opportunities that the intern will have are:

- Observing core group meetings, Bible studies, worship services, and other gatherings (virtually or on site)
- Leading a meeting, study, and worship service including preaching at least once (whether virtually or on site)
- Developing new ministries of outreach for the plant
- Doing research (including a demographic study) and developing a general plan for a potential church planting location
- Meeting with church planters to hear his and his family’s story of church planting
- Other opportunities depending on the situation (e.g. evangelism, lead a VBS)

Questions? Contact Ted Powers • tpowers01@outlook.com

SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Introductions, overview, and prayer (30 min)
- Why Church Planting? (60 min)
- Introduction to NXTGEN (30 min)
- Local Vision Presentation: (15 min)
- Church Planter Interview (60 min)

(NxtGen will be leading 3 of the 8 modules)

TOPICS

- Dynamics of Planting
- Pastor’s Community
- Profile of a Planter
- Dynamics of Calling
- Understanding the Readiness Seminar and the Assessment Center
- The “21 Questions”
- Spiritual Formation
- Time Management
- Networking, Gathering, Developing and Working with a Core Group / Launch Team
- Developing Your Philosophy of Ministry
- Contextualization and Growing in Intercultural Competence
- Church Planter Interviews
- Local Vision Presentations