

FAQ - Urban Internship program with the High School Ministry

Question: How long is the Urban Internship?

Answer: The Urban Internship is a 10 month internship. An intern may choose to serve a second year but not as an Urban Internship participant. You are welcome to stay with the local team you are placed on or choose another opportunity within Cru. Interns cannot serve for more than 24 months. At that point, an individual would need to choose between joining Cru in another capacity (such as Full-time staff, Part-time, Volunteer) or other opportunities.

Question: When does the internship start and end?

Answer: Our internships begin August 1 and end July 31. (Applications are due by March 1).

Question: What kind of work will I do as an intern in the Urban Internship?

Answer: You will serve on an experienced team of people seeking to reach high school students in an urban environment. We are a win, build, send ministry, so our teams primarily go onto high school campuses to win lost students, disciple them, and send them out to the world on mission. You could expect to do plenty of evangelism, follow up discipleship, an annual conference and/or retreat, and an international or stateside mission trip or summer conference with students from the urban context. You will be developed spiritually and gain valuable experience reaching ethnic minorities. A typical week may include: staff development meeting, campus evangelism and follow-up, outreach meetings on the campus, and small group discipleship with students.

Question: When I apply do I have the opportunity to request a certain city I feel God may be calling me to?

Answer: No. at this point, we are only offering the Urban Internship program in specific cities.

Question: How much support will I have to raise?

Answer:

Living expenses vary based on need. You can expect to raise somewhere around \$3200 per month. That's 32 people agreeing to support you at \$100 per month or 64 people at \$50 per month.

Question: Will I get any training in how to raise my support?

Answer: Our interns attend a required Intern Kick-off Weekend conference in mid-April or early May that orients them to the process of raising support. After attending the conference, you have the tools needed to begin raising your support and have the next 3-4 months to raise it.

Question: How do I apply?

Answer: All applications are submitted online at <https://apply.cru.org>. When prompted to designate preferred ministry, select Cru High School Urban Internship (and the preferred location).

Question: When is the deadline to apply for an internship that will start next September?

Answer: March 1 is the deadline for receiving your completed application, including completed references.

Question: What are the qualifications for serving as a Cru Staff?

Answer: We have a list of qualifications for potential Cru staff that include God's leading, a walk with God, spiritual maturity, moral conduct, character, emotional maturity, effectiveness of witness and others. Learn more at:

<http://www.cru.org/opportunities/careers/supported-staff/qualifications/>

Question: My parents have a lot of questions; do you have any resources for them?

Answer: Many parents have concerns about the future career with Cru that their son or daughter might be considering. We hope to answer some of your questions and give you a clearer picture of who we are and what we do. Learn more at:

<http://www.servewithcru.org/information-for-parents/>

If your parents would like to talk to one of our Cru staff about their concerns, they can contact Kar-Lai Gambiroza (kar-lai.gambiroza@cru.org).

Question: What are the benefits of serving with the High School ministry of Cru?

Answer: Coming out of college there are many opportunities to choose from – diving into the competitive world of the field you studied, traveling, further education, full-time ministry, a job outside of your field of study... With all of these options, which will you choose?

Interning with us for a year or two after graduation may be the most ideal option for those who would like the opportunity to gain a wide variety of skills that can prepare them for most vocations, including: written and interpersonal communication, problem-solving, leading a team, and planning and organizing projects and events. There are many opportunities to work with and learn from people of different cultures and different skill sets. There is the freedom to take risks and to fail in an environment where people desire to help you grow in your skills, your knowledge of your passions and gifts, and in your relationship with the Lord.