



The Cultivate Project 2023

Summer College Internship in Student Ministry

First Presbyterian Church

200 West Washington Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Introduction

First Presbyterian Church is excited about investing in emerging leaders. While there are many ways in which one can partner with First Presbyterian Church, college students who have the ability to make a more concentrated and intense time investment during the summer months may want to consider The Cultivate Project.

Our Student Ministry (6th-12th grades) is called “Roots.” We try to make everything we do central to that theme. We are to be rooted and established in Christ, and in order to make sure that happens we try to live and breathe the truth of Jesus.

Jesus didn’t leave us to simply tell people these things. We understand that the role of gifted leaders within a church is “to equip the saints for the work of ministry” (Ephesians 4). The nature of God’s Kingdom within us is that it is grown by God over time. This is what cultivation is all about. We see the equipping and discipline required as Jesus trains twelve young men over three intense years. This is how Jesus modeled reproducing the Kingdom in others.

We see this in Paul’s life as he picks up a young man named Timothy in Lystra. Timothy follows him and learns how to (1) live the ways of Jesus, (2) do what Paul does with the Church, and (3) take on a seemingly impossible mission for God—leading the church in Ephesus. Paul cultivated Timothy into a leader. All of these elements are why we call our summer college internship The Cultivate Project. This internship will give you an interactive overview of student ministry and allow you to participate in all aspects of the leadership of this ministry.

College level requirements:

Internship with Junior High students – Applicants are required to have completed their freshman year of college prior to or by Spring 2023.

Internship with Senior High students – Applicants are required to have completed their sophomore year of college prior to or by Spring 2023.

Internship with female ministries – Applicants are required to have completed their sophomore year of college prior to or by Spring 2023.

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Student ministry is built on relationships, and the summer months afford time to build relationships through planned events, Bible studies, and one-on-one contact. Thus, this is a busy time of year for student ministry. We want to leverage this time in the summer to be beneficial for our students and our project participants.

We want to equip our project leaders to disciple, mentor, train, and teach students during the summer. This can happen in many ways and we do allow flexibility in our program. We hope that as you see your gifting, you will be able to use your gifts to pour into our youth.

There are four basic goals for the participants of Cultivate:

1. To cultivate a relationship with students that is rooted in discipleship and love.
2. To cultivate an environment at First Presbyterian Church that helps you and students to grow in Jesus together.
3. To cultivate our interns' ministerial gifts while exposing them to day-to-day ministry.
4. To cultivate a desire for future ministry in the kingdom of God and the body of Christ, the Church.

Qualifications for female ministries intern:

1. Female who is considering or interested in student ministry.
2. Passion for disciplining, teaching, and training girls in middle and high school.

Please take a minute to review the following questions and answers so that you get a sense for what this project is about. If you are interested in applying for a summer internship with us, complete the attached application and submit it along with your resume per the instructions on the application. Submission deadline is February 17, 2023.

Q & A:

1. How long is the internship and what are the working hours?
The internship is 10 weeks long and will be scheduled from late May through mid-August based on your college calendar. The internship is 30 hours per week with a schedule of regular weekly office time (Monday–Thursday), Sunday responsibilities, and activities (including some evenings and weekends).
2. Is this a paid internship?
Yes, this internship has a stipend of \$450 per week/\$4500 over the course of 10 weeks.
3. Is housing provided?
Although we cannot guarantee housing, we will make an effort to find a host home within the body if needed for the summer. If you would have a housing need upon acceptance, please let us know on the application.
4. What will I be doing?
Responsibilities for our summer interns are hand-picked by the student ministry directors in order to expose them to a wide array of ministry situations. Duties include, but are not limited to, lesson preparation, teaching, building relationships with students in one-on-one and group settings, planning programming, developing creative ideas, and attending various meetings.
5. How does the application/interview process work?
To apply for the Cultivate Student Ministry Internship:
 - Complete the attached application.
 - Submit your application and resume by February 17, 2023.
 - You will be contacted via phone or email by March 6, 2023, if you are selected for an interview.
 - Hiring decisions will be announced by March 20, 2023.

First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, Internship Application 2023

Name: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

College attending: _____

Major area of study: _____

Number of college years completed as of June 2023: _____

Home church: _____

Other Christian groups or organizations you belong to and/or participate in:

Other information/previous youth ministry experience you would like to share:

I am applying for an internship with (Check any you are interested in):

- ☐ Junior High Ministry (6th–8th grade)
- ☐ Senior High Ministry (9th–12th grade)
- ☐ Female Ministries (Girls, 6th–12th grade)

Please answer the following questions as fully as possible. Feel free to use an additional sheet to attach to your application.

1. Describe yourself (personality, interests, abilities, talents, etc.) and what you hope to give to others during your internship experience.

2. Why do you want to participate in the Cultivate Summer Youth Ministry Internship Program?

3. What are your expectations of the Cultivate Summer Youth Ministry Internship Program?

4. Please share your spiritual journey. Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ.

5. List two personal references:

	Name	Phone
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____

If you would need housing upon acceptance, please initial here: _____

Submit this completed application along with a copy of your resume via mail, email, or fax to:

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