Summer 2020 Internship Update

Along with the rest of the world, we have been prayerfully monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic and sought to determine what would be best for this summer’s internship. After watching the situation develop, it has become clear that to carry on a residential, in-person internship this summer would not be best or even possible due to honoring government-mandated restrictions. However, the show must go on! We have worked hard to transfer this summer’s program to a remotely-based internship and discipleship program. While this is obviously not what any of us had in mind, we are super excited about the ways that we will still be able to carry out the mission to awaken hearts, inspire dreams, and equip hands in the Kingdom through our core values of thriving community, spiritual formation, and professional development.

Here’s a rundown of the summer!

Schedule

Due to some rearranging for this summer we have shifted the start date for the summer. Our new program dates are June 1 - July 31.

While much of your work will be project-based rather than hours-based, due to not working in the centralized office, we will have a host of regularly scheduled activities, events, meetings, discipleship groups, etc. so as to maintain structure and healthy rhythms through the program. We’re specifically so excited to utilize creative ways to get to know each other in meaningful ways, work hard to advance the Kingdom during such desperate days, and truly maximize the opportunity to grow deeply in Christ.

To this end, an average week of the remote internship will include things such as:

- **All-team Meeting**: Touch base as the whole team of interns and participate in the weekly prayer & worship with the OWM Staff
- **Discipleship Group**: Meeting with a small group of intern peers for prayer, encouragement, and working together through the discipleship curriculum provided
- **Virtual Teaching Sessions**: Incredible, practical teaching from men & women on a variety of topics related to spiritual formation & Kingdom advancement!
- **Special Projects & Training**: Learning from our staff and working together to maximize opportunities for evangelism and reaching out locally amidst Covid-19
- **One-on-One**: Mentoring, evaluations, personal coaching as desired
- **Community Events**: SO many ideas & exciting things coming…even remotely ;)
- **Meetings with Track Leaders**

You can look forward to an official Summer Orientation packet that will include exact weekly and monthly calendars for you to have on record.
Finances

To reflect the changes made to the program, we have reduced the total fee to $750. You will still be able to raise up to $3500 for the summer to cover this fee and your stipend, so anything you have already or will support raise past the $750 will be credit towards your personal stipend. The fee will be due in full on June 1st* and partially cover our Intern staff salaries, recruitment costs, program & project materials, honorariums, your college internship credit hours, etc.

As is the case with many small businesses and non-profit organizations, the pandemic has put our program in a difficult financial situation. That being said, we trust the Lord to provide our needs. Anything that you or others might want to contribute beyond the reduced fee is extremely appreciated, but absolutely not required.

*If you are unable to pay in full by June 1st, please communicate directly with us so we can work together towards a solution.

Work

We’re so excited about the opportunity y’all have to dedicate time to meaningful, Kingdom-advancing work this summer. Each of you will be receiving an official role description upon beginning the internship, getting to know your professional team as well. There's a lot of work to be done to advance Kingdom these days!

Summary

Given the new program update and the fact that many have had summer plans canceled, we have decided to extend the invitation for them to join us and keep applications open until May 22nd. If you know anyone who has plans canceled and is looking for something meaningful to do with their summer, even remotely, direct them to us!

If you have not yet committed and confirmed your position for the summer due to waiting on details, please do so as soon as possible or by May 22nd. The sooner you do, the sooner you can begin preparations and the support raising process.

Perhaps now more than ever amid these unprecedented times we see the huge need for young people to be in thriving community, grow in relationship with Christ, and actively pursue His purposes during these days when many of our own individual plans and purposes have fallen by the wayside.

While we recognize that the decision to move the internship to a remotely-based, online one is a disappointment to be sure, we believe this summer can by God’s grace still prove totally fruitful and that even through disappointment He can work in incredible ways we could never have imagined!

If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to reach out - nothing is too big or small! As always, we are praying for you & looking towards God to do big things for HIS glory and in HIS way!

The OneWay Internship Team