

INFORMATION PACK

What is the SOUL Church Internship Programme?

The SOUL church internship asks each intern to give a year of their life to serve God in building the local church. We firmly believe that by putting God first, we will never come second!

As well as having the opportunity to serve in exciting ministries, each intern will spend time learning about who God is and what He calls us to. Our aim is that each intern will leave the programme with solid Christian leadership skills that they have learnt and developed through the year.

There will be biblical training to give every intern the all-important grounding needed to help develop their understanding of God. Various classes covering both, old and new testaments, will give each intern valuable exposure to God's truths. This area will no doubt stretch you throughout the year and there will be plenty of opportunity to put the theory into practice.

We want to help interns grow spiritually and use personal devotion to deepen character, as well as getting to know the Holy Spirit and learn how to use His prompting within daily life. This is an essential part of intern life and will help fulfil any future walk with God, wherever the interns end up serving His calling.

Who fits the bill?

If you are a committed Christian who will embrace the vision of SOUL Church and be willing to serve with all that you have, then this could well be for you. It will be challenging and often tiring but, by giving a year of your life to God, He will return the blessing ten-fold!

What costs are involved?

The Internship cost is £495 for the year (£135 of this due upon acceptance onto the programme). The balance is payable at the start of the programme, alternatively this can be spread equally over a 4 or 6 month period, commencing 1st October 2018. This fee is for participating in the Internship Programme and does not include housing, food, transport or living expenses.

The programme leaves space for each intern to work on a part time basis to help fund the year at SOUL Church (dependant on visas). Other expenses are outlined below but are purely estimates:

Housing: SOUL Church will not be responsible for arranging housing although we will advise as best we can. An option may be to let a room in a house hosted by members of the church. For more information, please email us on interns@soulchurch.com. This will depend on availability and we cannot guarantee space.

Private house rental is around £300 - £750 per month. Single room / studio apartments are around £250 - £300. Please see <http://www.rightmove.co.uk/> to help.

Transport: A car can cost £500 - £1000 (<http://www.autotrader.co.uk/> for ideas) and fuel expenses will be determined by your proximity to SOUL church. Fuel approximately £100 - £120 per month.

Food: £150 - £200 per month.

Other expenses: This will fully depend on you but some spare money each month is advisable for social activities; there will be SOUL Central activities on a regular basis.

Weekly programme

The programme runs three days during the week and a full day at church on **Sunday**. Our core office hours during the week are normally 9:00 – 17:00 but there will be times when interns are asked to arrive early and leave late. Serving in some departments will require attendance outside of these hours.

We start the week on a Tuesday with our team meeting; this gives the opportunity to put God at the centre and set the tone for what we are building as a church.

We will spend a two weekly sessions in the classroom helping to take your relationship with God to a deeper level. These are vital times to spend as a group that will include worship, devotionals and prayer as well as teaching.

There is a retreat for all interns towards the start of the year which cements relationships with each other but more importantly gives every intern the chance to deepen their relationship with God. It's over 3 days, away from church and timetables and includes loads of fun activities too.

All interns will get to serve within either our vibrant youth department as part of the team on a Friday night or in our SOUL Foundation team helping with our social action projects. Some planning time during the week may be given if required.

Sunday's are a vital part of any intern's time at SOUL Church and there is a requirement to attend **all** Sunday services. The opportunity to serve the church in three services during the day will help build strong character and cement leadership principles studied throughout the week. All interns will then attend the remaining Sunday service for personal growth, without the responsibility of serving. **WE DON'T HAVE TO SERVE, WE GET TO!**

Down-time

Monday, Saturday, and one other day are planned days off. In addition to this, some holidays will be planned into the internship year:

- Three reading weeks for assignment preparation during October, February and May
- A longer break at Christmas after The Wonder production (usually around the middle of December) until the New Year.
- A week after the Easter weekend services.

Getting around

Public transport is available but cannot be relied upon fully, especially during the evening and weekends. The best option would be to bring a car or buy one whilst here.

International Students

We encourage a wide variety of nationalities and cultures to apply; this really adds to the feel of the internship and brings different outlooks and life experience. The internship programme is delivered in English so a good knowledge of the language is required.

All visa requirements will be discussed at interview and we will help you with which visa to apply for. Visa applications cannot be submitted more than 3 months before the start of the internship but having all other stages completed by this point is vital to avoid missing the start date. Further information can be found via the International Students link on our website.

What about working?

To be accepted onto the course, each intern must demonstrate financial stability. There is also the option of working whilst taking part in the programme to help finance your time here. A wide variety of jobs are available nearby and in the City of Norwich.

Interns from abroad may not have the option to work, depending on the type of visa acquired. Financial stability will need to have been demonstrated prior to an offer of a place.

Afterwards?

A certificate of completion is issued at the final graduation in July 2019; the course at this time is not accredited. Giving a year of your life to God and serving in a thriving church will be invaluable for future ministry.

Col 3:23-24 (ESV) - Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

How do I apply?

The application process is as follows:

1 – APPLICATION FORM – Go to the internship page on the SOUL Church website or apply online by using the following link - <http://soulchurch.com/internship-application/> If you would like a paper copy then either download from the website or email interns@soulchurch.com

2 - SUBMIT VIDEO – We ask you to film approximately 30 seconds of video explaining why you would like to part of the SOUL Internship and also what skills and giftings you feel can bring to the programme. This can be completed on your phone if necessary before emailing to: interns@soulchurch.com.

3 - PASTORAL REFERENCE FORM – You will need to ask your existing pastor/church leader to fill out the reference form so please make sure they are aware before you start the process; you will be emailed a link when we receive your application (SOUL Church applicants can ask an existing team or connect group leader to complete this). A paper copy is available for download via the website.

This is an important part of the application process and should be completed as soon as possible for progression of your application.

4 – Successful applicants will be invited to SOUL Church for an interview where possible and advise applicants to attend a SOUL Church service. International interns will be interviewed via *Skype* or *Facetime*; arrangements will be made once all of the above are completed.

5 – You will be notified as to whether you have been offered a place on the internship programme within one week of interview.