

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY INTERNSHIP 2020

Growing your leadership, equipping you for ministry with children and families and shaping you to make a difference in God's Kingdom.



This year long internship is a partnership between your church, an emerging leader (intern) and SU Victoria. It includes hands on ministry experiences for your intern at your church, weekly training days with SU Victoria, and support from your church as you provide a supervisor and encourage them through mentoring.



“I've wanted an internship at our church for a long time, but we didn't have the time or the resources... SU are very good at [developing training modules] and it's been fantastic to have that taken off our hands... It's been such a fruitful, smooth and supported transition from our end.”

Hollie Boniface
Children and Families Minister,
St Mark's Anglican Church, Emerald

WHO IN YOUR CHURCH COULD BE AN INTERN?

People who choose to become an intern are usually already attending your church and volunteering in some capacity. They could be...



- A current volunteer who is interested and engaged in the Children and Families Ministries programs. The internship will give him a solid foundation of training for this ministry without the need of formal academic study.



- A Year 12 student who is looking for a gap year to discern where God is calling her. She wants to be part of a group experience where she can get a better understanding of the bible and take her role on the Messy Church team more seriously.



- A university student studying teaching who volunteers in the Sunday morning kids church. She is passionate about pre-school ministry and wants more practical experience in the field to support her tertiary education.



- A young adult who is working part time in his local church to get a taste for what vocational ministry involves before committing to go to Bible College.

THE INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

One day per week of ministry in your church PLUS one day per week at SU with other interns for training, reflection and formation. Interns will:

- Be equipped with skills and strategies for ministry with children and families.
- Explore ideas and resources for engaging with your local context.
- Grow as a leader in ministry, working with a supervisor in the local church.
- Mature in personal discipleship and growth, meeting regularly with a mentor.
- Develop under some of the best leaders in Children and Families ministry.
- Learn skills in action-reflection, self-awareness and theological reflection.
- Build relationships and networks.
- Attend a two-day residential intensive each semester.
- Complete readings and assignments.

Online options are available for those based outside of Melbourne.

INTERN REQUIREMENTS

- Interns don't need any past experience or training, however it would be great if they had volunteered in ministry or mission for at least 12 months, preferably with children and families.
- This internship is open to all ages, but has a particular focus for those 18-25 years old. Applicants under 18 will be considered with some additional application requirements.



SU Victoria has a long history of effective ministry engagement with children and families and partnering with churches to develop emerging leaders. Our Children and Families Ministries Internship invests in the formation of dynamic leaders who are self-aware, innovative and missional.

The Children and Families Internship has been created by SU Victoria to invest in your local church to:

- Resource your church for effective ministry with children, young people and families. Your intern will be hands-on, working with your church community doing great things in ministry throughout the year.
- Help develop stronger missional engagement with families.
- Encourage people of all ages to meet God daily through the Bible and prayer.
- Increase the capacity of your intern to be involved in leadership in your church.



Participants will be empowered in Jesus' transforming story and equipped for mission and ministry in these areas:

- **The Bible** and knowing God.
- **Child** theology, spirituality and context.
- **Practical** tools, skills, ideas and resources including games, songs and small group activities.
- **Community** engagement and mission.
- **Faith formation** principles and strategies.
- **Development theories** and learning styles of children and youth.
- **Family** ministry and parent partnership.
- **Pastoral** and caring conversations.
- **Engaging children** with the Bible.
- **Intergenerational** ministry and mission.
- **Discipleship** and spiritual disciplines.
- **Leadership**, working with teams, and conflict resolution.
- **Personal styles** and self-awareness.
- **Child safety** and child participation.
- **Personal purpose**, S.H.A.P.E., and soul care.



"Scripture Union's willingness to create and facilitate this internship for local churches has provided an intentional structured partnership. This has released us to journey alongside our intern candidate... The training and support they offer releases us to champion Kingdom living through practical application."

Sheridan Tate, Kilsyth South Baptist Church



"Every person I have encountered has added to the rich tapestry of my internship year. I am being equipped with many practical children's ministry skills, which I plan to use for the rest of this year and beyond."

Maigen Lawrence, 2019 Intern

WHAT THIS PARTNERSHIP WILL LOOK LIKE

YOUR CHURCH WILL PROVIDE

- A supervisor to oversee your intern's ministry activities and meet with them regularly.
- An honorarium to support your intern. (The recommended minimum amount is \$1200 for a full year.)
- A mentor to pray with you intern and connect with them monthly.
- Optional sponsorship of your intern's costs for the intensives and book purchases (approx. \$250), and joining an SU mission or camp team.

YOUR CHURCH WILL RECEIVE

- Increased opportunities for spiritual growth and faith formation in children and families.
- Greater visibility of investing in emerging leaders, with training provided.
- Sharing of ministry load and building a team of leaders.
- Training in ministry supervision, including receiving input from experienced practitioners and receiving new insights for ministry.

SU VICTORIA WILL PROVIDE

- Coaching one day a week for interns to develop their ministry thinking and practice.
- A well-rounded program where interns explore theories and concepts of faith formation, mission and leadership.
- Training venue, content, expertise in the field, practical and theoretical resources for participants and incur associated costs.

SU VICTORIA WILL RECEIVE

- The opportunity to build partnerships with churches like yours.
- The ability to develop and increase the capacity for children and families ministry in churches across Australia.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Intern applicants are invited to complete the application form.
Church partnership will be confirmed during the application process.

To view the prospectus and to apply go to www.suvic.org.au/cf-intern
For more information contact su@suvic.org.au or call us on 9482 5700