

Grasslands Church, Medicine Hat, AB Middle School Ministry Internship

Duration: One Year

Reports to Lead Pastor, Bart Blair

Grasslands Church exists to help people experience abundant life by finding God, forming healthy relationships and fulfilling their potential.

The purpose of this internship is to provide a Student Intern with an opportunity to engage with leaders, members and explorers at Grasslands, optimizing his/her own passions and talents in order to reach their full potential.

The duties and responsibilities set forth are intended to give the Intern a wide array of exposure to various elements of church leadership and ministry, to experience the inner workings of a church plant and to cultivate a lifestyle of mission and evangelism.

Weekends

The Sunday gathering for Grasslands Church at the Summit Art and Sport Centre is a vital mechanism in our effort to help people who are far away from God come to a place of knowing Him. Our model is attractional and therefore a high level of excellence is expected in every area of our weekend execution.

At weekend gatherings the Intern will be involved in:

- setting up and striking audio/visual equipment
- setting up and striking equipment and materials required for children's programs
- assist with check-ins and check-outs of children and volunteers
- under direction of Team Leaders, prepare and present lessons from curriculum
- other duties as requested

678 (Middle School Group)

Grasslands is in the early stages of developing a middle school (grade 6-8) student ministry program. The Intern will have the opportunity to help develop this ministry alongside other leaders in the church. This group meets twice per month, with some Sunday morning activities and at least one social activity per month outside of Sunday morning.

Midweek

In our effort to help people form healthy relationships, our midweek gatherings are an important mechanism. They are where the majority of our discipleship takes place.

During the time of the internship, the Intern will be participating in a variety of group settings. Some of these groups are ongoing, throughout the year. Others are set for a fixed duration.

Weekly Staff Meeting

All church staff and key volunteers meet once per week for review of the previous week's activities and to plan and prepare for upcoming weeks and ministry events.

Community Group

Community Groups meet one evening per week for relational activities and for application of the Sunday teaching. The Intern may choose one group for the entire year or may choose to try different groups at the different semesters.

Leadership Development Group

One evening per week group leaders, staff and elders gather for leadership training, coaching and mentoring. The Intern will be included in these coaching sessions where he/she will have the opportunity to not only learn and grow in leadership, but to build relationship with the leaders of Grasslands Church.

Discovery Group

Discovery Groups are the evangelistic study used to introduce people to Jesus. They are attended by first time explorers as well as those who might be returning to church after considerable time away. These groups run 6-8 weeks in duration. The Intern will attend one cycle of a Discovery Group during the internship period.

Other Opportunities*Fresh Start to School Program*

Grasslands Church is a participant in Alberta Health Services' back to school event for at-risk youth in the community. The Intern will have the opportunity to serve at this event, meeting needy families in the community and connecting them to Grasslands Church as a source for relational and spiritual needs.

FGBC Vision Conference – www.visionconference.us

Each summer the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches holds an annual conference. The Intern will have the opportunity to attend the conference with the Canadian team. This will provide great exposure to the Grace Brethren Fellowship, as well as a chance to meet many of the other Canadian team members.

Momentum Conference - buildmomentum.org

The FGBC holds an annual Youth Conference in the U.S. each year called Momentum. The internship will conclude with a trip to Momentum.

Housing and Compensation

Grasslands Church will make arrangements for the Intern to have accommodations in a church leader's home during the internship. He will have a private room and bathroom and may at times share in meals with the host family.

Grasslands Church will provide a stipend of \$500 per month.

If the Intern is able to raise any additional "missionary" support that is directed through Grasslands Church, those funds may be used to offset personal expenses such as cell phone, gas, car insurance, etc. Details can be discussed.

The average number of hours expected to be served each week is approximately 30.

Outside of these regular requirements, the Intern is free to pursue additional part-time employment, as long as such employment does not interfere with commitment and responsibilities to Grasslands Church.

Additionally, if there are other areas of interest not mentioned in this plan where the Intern would like to gain exposure and/or experience, the leaders of Grasslands are open to discussing those opportunities.

