

## **Prestonwood Intern Ministry Q & A**

- Q** What is the major purpose of the Intern Ministry at Prestonwood?
- A** For young men and women who have an assurance of God's calling on their life, the ministry provides practical church ministry and life-skills training under the supervision and mentorship of the pastors, staff and members of Prestonwood Baptist Church.
- Q** What are the qualifications for acceptance into the Intern Ministry?
- A** The intern must be a committed follower of Christ, a student in good academic standing at a local conservative seminary, assured of God's call to church ministry, in agreement with the Intern Covenant. The intern must also be a member of Prestonwood Baptist Church.
- Q** How does the intern begin the application process?
- A** The applicant should submit an intern application to Jarrett Stephens, Teaching Pastor, for review. The application can be downloaded at [prestonwood.org/intern](http://prestonwood.org/intern). It should be mailed to Prestonwood Baptist Church, 6801 W. Park Blvd., Plano, TX 75093, or submitted by e-mail to [jknight@prestonwood.org](mailto:jknight@prestonwood.org).
- Q** How many hours is an intern expected to work each week?
- A** Most interns work about 25 hours during the week; in addition, interns are expected to participate in services on weekends. Due to the nature of ministry, there will be times when more is asked of all staff. The supervising staff minister will work with the intern to coordinate the work/school semester schedule.
- Q** Does the intern receive any pay?

**A** Yes, Prestonwood is able to offer paid internships. Interns may also receive a matriculation benefit to assist with the cost of purchasing books and materials.

**Q** What is the length of the internship?

**A** We ask all interns to commit to a year of service. When the year is complete, we will evaluate whether an opportunity to extend the internship exists.

**Q** Where do most interns live?

**A** All interns are encouraged to live close to the church and commute to school. If an intern cannot attain local lodging, the Intern Office keeps an active file of Prestonwood families that are available to serve as host homes. The intern is responsible for his/her food costs.

**Q** Does the intern have the opportunity to be promoted?

**A** Promotions for interns will not happen within the first year. While we often hire from within, we do not guarantee anything in terms of future employment.

**Q** What are the benefits of a Prestonwood internship?

**A**

- The relationships developed with the ministers and other interns are immeasurably beneficial. Prestonwood is a large church, but it revolves around relationships.
- The opportunities and exposure received after completing this internship cannot be overlooked. The testimonies of past interns and where they are now best exemplifies this.
- Prestonwood internships are experience-based. The intern will be involved in many aspects of ministry, giving opportunity not only to observe, but also to receive practical ministry experience.
- Monthly intern development meetings are planned during which interns hear about the various areas of ministry that

make up Prestonwood's broad outreach. Senior staff members discuss their area of ministry, giving interns an opportunity to learn about areas as wide-ranging as pastoral care and church administration.

**Q** What do past interns say about their experience?

**A** Here are some of their comments:

“I saw much more of the church than just one ministry.”

“... a really amazing opportunity to work out leadership aspects with people (members) older than myself.”

“Learned so much—Prestonwood is beautiful on the inside; it's been an honor and a blessing to learn and grow.”

“Loved working here and growing spiritually; really got to know kids ... great experience!”

“I was pushed—but in a good way. There were times when I had to just get it done!”

“... equipping for ministry, learning how a church works, transferable skills for the future, relationships and opportunities to teach.”

“The area in which I developed most in a practical way is church administration. This area was my weakest prior to the internship.”