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## Summer Internship Opportunity

World Relief Memphis is seeking interns who desire to serve refugees in Memphis over the course of Summer 2019.

**When will the program take place?** This summer's program will be May 29<sup>th</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup>. Interns should expect to assist full time Monday-Friday from 8:30 am- 5 pm. Training for the summer will be from May 29<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Any conflicts for the summer should be presented during the interview.

**Who should apply?** Flexible, emotionally intelligent go-getters who are eager to live out their faith humbly and joyfully by serving the clients and staff of World Relief. Previous experience in cross-cultural setting desired, but not required. Skills such as multiple language proficiency and photography are also advantageous. Students studying social work, intercultural/international studies, education, nonprofit management, anthropology/sociology, public health, family studies, or international development should apply.

**What should you expect?** Come experience firsthand the blessings and challenges of walking alongside refugees new to the city! Intertwine your life with the clients World Relief serves.

Sharing the love of Jesus is central to World Relief's work. World Relief will be incorporating this throughout the internship's main components: resettlement work, community or education initiatives, relationship-building, and knowledge acquisition.

### Resettlement Work

Interns will gain a comprehensive understanding of how refugees are resettled and the role voluntary agencies play as they aid resettlement staff and other staff in completing social work and office tasks; every day is an adventure! This component of the internship will develop creative problem solving, cross cultural competence, and attention to detail. The duties interns could assume over the summer include:

- Transportation for Clients (airport arrivals, medical appointments, etc.)
- Apartment Setups for Newly Arriving Clients and Donation Pickups
- Employment Support (help staff prepare clients for the workplace)
- Immigration Legal Services Program Aid (particularly if you speak Spanish)
- Client Home Visits
- Administrative Office Work

## **Community or Education Initiatives**

Interns will assist the Volunteer Coordinator, Church and Community Engagement Manager, and resettlement team in various initiatives to further support refugees beyond the core resettlement services and engage the broader community to help refugees assimilate. Interns will be given an opportunity to enhance planning/project management, teaching, and research skills by assisting with or taking on some of the following:

- Cultural Orientation for Refugee Clients
- Marketing (social media, writing for the blog, and photography)
- Fundraising Campaign and Event Support
- Administrative Office Work

## **Relationship Building**

During the internship, a heavy emphasis will be placed on building relationships because it is within this context that life-changing conversations and personal growth can happen. Interns will grow in relational leadership and oral communication across cultural and generational divides through interactions with the people listed below:

- Clients from Somalia, Congo, Iraq, Afghanistan, and various other countries
- World Relief Staff
- Other Interns (committing to community between interns is required)
- Individual Mentor (receive mentoring from an adult outside of WR Memphis)

## **Knowledge Acquisition**

While interns will learn from conversations with clients and observations of staff, facilitated teaching times and written materials will be scheduled to enhance learning. Interns will grow in cultural intelligence and analytical thinking. They will gain vision for future service beyond the summer. Additionally, they will be exposed to the restorative work being done across sectors in Memphis to improve the well-being for all its citizens. Knowledge acquisition will occur through:

- Required readings prior and during the internship
- Immersion components
- Regular guest speakers with various cross cultural and development experiences
- Training

**Are there other requirements?** Interns in Memphis are asked to have a reliable vehicle, valid driver's license, and car insurance. A minimum of basic medical insurance

coverage is required. Applicants should be rising college sophomores, juniors, seniors, recent college graduates, or 21 years of age with a high school diploma. All interns must be able to clear a criminal background and motor vehicle check. Interns are expected to live out and fully support the World Relief Mission, Vision, and Values for the duration of their internship experience.

**Can I receive compensation?** This is not a paid internship. However, we are able to reimburse at a minimal rate for miles driven with clients in the personal vehicle of the intern. World Relief seeks to offset the cost of living in Memphis over the summer by seeking out housing arrangements (if desired) and covering some meals for its interns. Interns are recommended to have their home church serve as a “sponsor” to cover other expenses during the summer. The home church of the interns should, at minimum, commit to pray for the intern throughout the summer and to serve as a body of accountability and spiritual guidance should the need arise. Arrangements can be made to accommodate institutional requirements for obtaining academic credit.

**Interested?** Request an application or ask further questions by emailing [cjenczyk@wr.org](mailto:cjenczyk@wr.org) or calling 901-341-0225. Applications for the upcoming summer will be accepted through March 14<sup>th</sup>. Interviews of potential candidates will occur as applications are received beginning the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>. Internship offers will be made by April 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have a specific reason why you need to receive a decision earlier, please explain when submitting your application.