

**INTERN
PROGRAM**



*“The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few;
therefore pray earnestly
to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into
his harvest.”*

Matt 9:37-38



We are passionate about raising up the next generation of leaders of God's church. Through our intern program, we hope to train people for a lifetime of serving God, whatever that might look like- whether as a pastor, church planter, bible-college student, secular worker, campus worker or overseas missionary.



PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Our internships are a two-year program designed to give people practical experience and genuine ministry responsibilities. At the end of your internship we hope you will be experienced and equipped in five key ministry skills:

Mission

You'll be involved in evangelism as we seek to win the thousands of lost people in our neighbourhood (and beyond) for Jesus. That might include leading our explore courses, brainstorming new initiatives or meeting with unbelievers.

Teaching

We want you to grow as a teacher of God's word. You'll have regular opportunities to teach in Connect Groups, preaching, kids ministry or one-to-one discipleship.

Discipleship and Pastoral Care

We hope you will develop a pastoral heart for others, experienced in caring for and discipling people under your care.

Training

You'll experience what it's like to raise up, equip and mentor other leaders around you.

Leadership

There will be opportunities for you to grow as a leader. This might include leading a team, thinking strategically about a ministry or the opportunity to start or plant brand new ministries.

We believe these five ministry skills are vital for a lifetime of serving God, wherever he leads you.

OPPORTUNITIES

There are lots of opportunities at our church to grow in these ministry skills. In particular:

Sunday Gathering

Interns will help our congregational pastors in leading and pastoring one of our eight Sunday gatherings.

Specialising

You might also have a particular focus ministry, whether it be kids, youth, music, administration, or wellbeing and care.

Others

We hope each intern will have the opportunity to be challenged and stretched through things like Connect Group leading, scripture teaching, creche, evangelism courses and housing-commission ministry.

TRAINING

We hope that you will not become an intern based purely on what you might get out of it. Come and be an intern because you want to serve God and his people. We are praying for interns who are gripped by a desire to see lives transformed for the glory of Jesus.

Having said that, we will offer you regular care and training so that you will feel supported across your internship and leave equipped for a lifetime of ministry. This includes:

Formal Training

Intern training will take place each week, working through a two year cycle of topics. This will be run by our team of pastors, giving you a variety of voices and input. This training will cover three key areas: christian living, theology and ministry skills.

There will be also a few books that you will read across your internship.

Mentoring

We know that each intern begins with different levels of giftedness and experience. One of our pastors will meet regularly with you to support you, pray with you, help you reflect and offer feedback. We hope this will also be helpful in you thinking about whether full-time ministry is for you in the future.

Learning in community

Something our interns really appreciate is the opportunity to do ministry alongside other interns, rather than being alone. You'll have the chance to sharpen each other, encourage one-another and have fun together.



HOURS AND REMUNERATION

The internship is designed to ideally be full-time across two years.

The position will be paid, with a portion of your stipend fundraised by you. Learning how to raise financial support is an important ministry skill in and of itself. We will train and support you throughout the process.

APPLICATION

Our internship positions are limited. If you're interested, please email admin@thebridgechurch.org.au. We'd love to talk to you to help answer any questions you have and help you reflect on whether being an intern is for you. We can also tell you more about the application and interview process.

We are running an **Intern Info Night on Monday 17th June**. Contact us for more information.

Application for 2025 close end of September 2024.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We are looking for Christians who are:

- Of Godly character, living in obedience to Jesus and His word.
- People who are keen and ready to serve sacrificially over the course of their internship.
- People who are keen to be trained and equipped for a lifetime of serving God, either in full-time ministry (and heading to Bible College), or as a well-trained lay member of Church.
- Not a brand new Christian but has had some time to grow in their faith (1 Tim 3:6).
- Have experience in serving and leading in various Church ministries and ready to 'step up' and lead at the next level (eg leading leaders).

HEAR FROM OUR CURRENT INTERNS

Sam Buster

I am a country boy from Tamworth. As one of five boys, I naturally love sports & being outside. My main areas of ministry are youth & young adults. I am engaged & soon to be married to Sarah, who also serves at 4pm in kids' ministry. We are very excited for married life. I am loving every single bit of being an intern. I am based at Neutral Bay in the evening services.



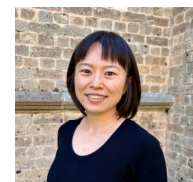
Sarah Cunliffe

I am enjoying the journey God has been leading me on, where I get to share His word & love with so many. It is a privilege to share our Father's love with unbelievers through our outreach playgroup, Playtime; with kids at Scripture; & with children at 10am Neutral Bay! I am a member of 8am Neutral Bay with my husband, Corey & our four year old daughter, Elise. We also have a son, Jed, who is hanging out with God right now.



Lulu Hyun

I came to Christ at university. Several people's intentional discipleship was pivotal. Last year, I volunteered in a campus ministry & completed a diploma in counselling. That confirmed my passion & gifts in evangelism & pastoral care. I love discussing Jesus & walking with people as they seek God. This year, I am running the Explore courses at Macquarie Park & meeting up with people one to one for discipleship. I'm married to Rene & speak Mandarin, some Spanish & Korean. I have a heart for China & would love to return if it's the Lord's will.



Chloe Jorgensen

It's been a delight being involved in children's ministry for close to 9 years. I have always loved kids & felt drawn towards teaching them about Jesus, helping them form their own personal relationship with God. In my internship, I am involved in the various children's ministries at our Neutral Bay site (Playtime, Scripture, & Kids Church at our 10am service). I also enjoy walking alongside others through 1:1 discipleship & various other opportunities during the week. I am grateful to God that I have this chance to grow, learn & share the love of Jesus with others through the internship.



Isobel Pagan

I moved here from the UK in 2023 with my husband, Sam. We're hoping to be involved in global mission in the future. I'm also passionate about helping churches care well for people who are vulnerable or in difficult circumstances. I love seeing people know Jesus & rest in the freedom & life he offers! In my internship, I'm involved in Wellbeing & Care, BYA (Bridge Young Adults), Everyday English, Kids' Church, & the 10am & 7pm gatherings at Kirribilli. We're grateful for this opportunity to learn & build understanding & skills in ministry.



Alejandro Pericas

I grew up in Venezuela & made the move to Australia at the age of 18. Seven years later, I came to accept Jesus after a lifetime of living in atheism & spiritual darkness. I became a Christian through Alpha at The Bridge Church & got baptised in November 2022. My main area of focus is evangelism & I assist with Explore courses. I lead a connect group & help run our housing commission (Greenway) ministry. I left my previous career in financial sales to pursue the internship as I feel convicted that sharing the gospel with others is the most important & rewarding thing I could do, especially having seen how God's power and grace changed me. I'm at 10am & 7pm Kirribilli.



"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

2 Timothy 2:2



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