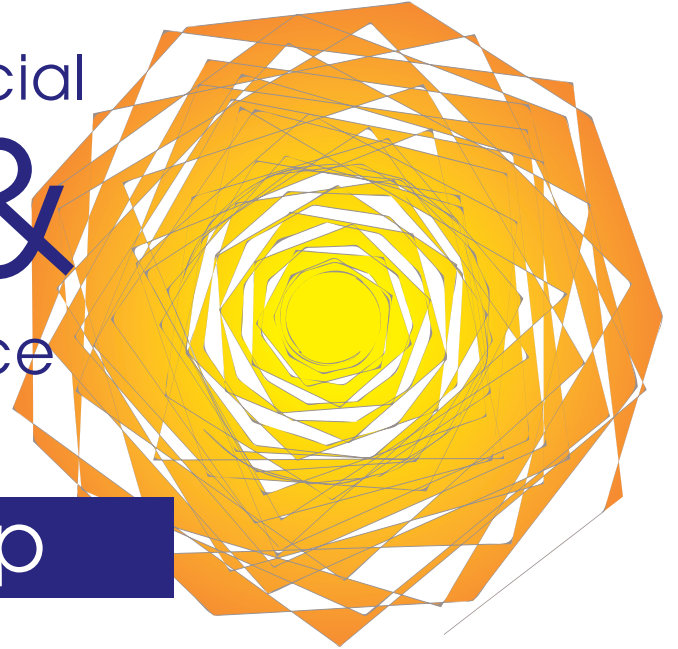


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Catholic Social Teaching/IWJ Summer Internship

The Catholic Social Teaching/Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ) Summer Internships are a collaborative project of Interfaith Worker Justice, colleges and universities, and local interfaith worker justice committees.

This summer internship program begins on June 8, 2009 in New Orleans for an intensive week of training and orientation with social justice workers and theologians, followed by participation in IWJ's National Conference. Interns will then travel to workers' centers and local interfaith committees around the country for eight weeks of hands-on service. Participants will reconvene August 11-14, 2009 in Chicago for reflection and exploring next steps.

The Internship will give undergraduate students the opportunity to:

- Witness workers' struggles for justice in the workplace
- Work with local interfaith committees on issues facing workers, including living wage campaigns, affordable health benefits, immigrant worker issues, and local organizing campaigns
- Develop a wide range of skills, including coalition building, organizing, advocacy, public policy, communications, and social analysis
- Integrate principles and theories of religious teachings or Catholic Social Teaching with hands-on experience of working for social change in a range of vocational and social arenas
- Collaborate with diverse, interfaith teams

Interns on the CST track will learn in-depth the principles and foundations of Catholic Social Teaching, while IWJ interns will explore the foundations of their faith and its call to work for justice.

Expectations of the intern:

- Identify and solicit funds from your university, congregation, and other sources to cover your stipend & expenses
- Participate in a confirmation phone interview with the site
- Carry out assignments and follow work plan
- Write a reflection/integration paper
- Keep a journal or documentary account of your experiences
- Check in with the Internship Coordinator regularly
- Complete additional assignments for academic credit if required
- Participate in regular conference calls with other interns

Financial Agreements:

The cost for participation in the CST internship is \$4,000 per student. This includes \$1,000 for training and orientation, and \$3,000 for stipends given to the students. While many students are sponsored through their university, each student must do some amount of individual fundraising. IWJ works closely with students to help identify funding. As long as efforts have been made, no qualified students will be turned away.

Each intern will receive:

- Transportation costs to/from orientation and debrief
- Housing provided by a local interfaith committee
- All local transportation costs, including a bus/train pass and/or mileage
- Stipend raised through academic institution and other sources
- Possible academic credit

For more information, please contact: Meg Koach at Interfaith Worker Justice
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Deadline: March 15, 2009*

Name _____ Birthdate _____

College/University _____ Expected Graduation year _____

Religious affiliation/home parish _____

Current Address (please indicate dates good through) _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Permanent Address _____

Current Phone _____ Permanent Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Languages Spoken _____

How did you hear about the internship? _____

Representative from your college or university responsible for your summer experience, if applicable:

Name _____

Position _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Summer Emergency Contact Name, Address, Phone _____

Please **TYPE** your answers to the following questions in the space provided, or attach additional sheets if needed.

1. Please describe your experience with social justice activities. Include the challenges and what you learned.

2. How do you see the religious community as a partner with movements for social justice?

* Applications received after this date will be considered as space allows through April 15, 2009.

