



Spend a summer learning about loving God and loving your neighbors on the margins.



SUMMER INTERNSHIP

URBAN MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

POUR YOURSELF OUT FOR THE GOSPEL. SPEND YOUR LIFE ON WHAT MATTERS. LIVE ALONGSIDE LEADERS WHO ARE LOVING THEIR NEIGHBORS WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE CITY.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA



INTERNSHIP DETAILS

What is an intern? Our interns are college aged guys and girls who are pursuing the Lord and are seeking to learn more about urban ministry by spending their summer pouring themselves out and being poured into at One Hope Tulsa in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Serving at One Hope Tulsa for the summer also includes being involved at Springs of Grace Bible Church, our founding church and closest ministry partner.

What is One Hope Tulsa? We are a nonprofit organization founded out of the ministries of Springs of Grace Bible Church in 2008. One Hope exists to create flourishing neighborhoods where relationships build resilience and hope changes outcomes. Our approach is trauma-responsive, local church-based, and focused on our neighbors on the margins. For more about our mission, please see our website: www.onehopetulsa.com

What is Springs of Grace Bible Church like? Springs of Grace is a church family made up of people from different backgrounds, races, and economic means who have been brought together by the glory of the gospel of Jesus. We are going hard after loving God with all our hearts, minds, and souls, and we are taking seriously the command to love our neighbors as ourselves. Springs of Grace's building is located a few blocks from the Rose Bowl, which is One Hope's ministry base. For more information on Springs of Grace Bible Church, please see our website: www.springsofgrace.church

Why should I do urban ministry in Tulsa? The area of Tulsa where One Hope and Springs of Grace focus is racially and economically diverse. Our local neighborhood is a mix of African American, Native American/Indigenous, Hispanic, and White neighbors. Our local schools are failing to meet state and national standards and our local neighborhoods are facing a housing crisis, with eviction rates that are some of the highest in the nation. Tulsa exploded with racial tension in 1921 in perhaps the worst episode of racial violence our nation has ever seen. Over a hundred years after the Tulsa Race Massacre, the city is still affected by systemic racism and ongoing racial tension. Oklahoma has some of the highest rates in the nation of childhood trauma, which has a direct negative impact on long-term health and educational outcomes. The need for hope is great!

Where will I live? Our goal is for interns to live in the neighborhood where we serve. Housing is usually provided for interns either at the Springs of Grace church building or with a Springs of Grace family/One Hope staff member at no charge to our interns.

How much will I be working? The nature of urban ministry makes it very time consuming. This is reflected in the hours the interns spend working. Because of camps and other events, hours vary, but interns usually have one day off a week. The internship is intentionally designed to be a comprehensive program where you maximize your time by being poured into through Bible Studies, urban ministry training, leadership development, discipleship by staff, etc, and by pouring your life out in ministry to our local church and neighborhood. It is very difficult to get the most out of the internship and also maintain a part-time job or take summer classes. We encourage interns to approach their summer at One Hope as a mission trip, with an all-in mindset. Interns should be willing to work hard and go with the flow!

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What will be the most valuable part of my summer as an intern? Interns have the unique opportunity to study urban ministry and to learn about walking with Jesus, while actually working those things out in ministry to real people in the context of the local church. Doing this kind of ministry alongside others who are pursuing Christ as well results in close and spiritually edifying relationships.

What will I learn if I intern? We want to grow your passion for God-centered urban ministry in the context of life in a neighborhood. The intern program intentionally aims to develop you as a leader who is able to work in the context of a team and values listening to and learning from stakeholders in the community we serve. We also want to help you be formed by Scripture, prayer, and the church in how you approach growing as a leader and a servant to the city. We hope when you leave you will understand more about doing evidence-based and trauma-responsive ministry in communities on the margins. Interns benefit from a broad range of learning experiences!

What kind of ministry will I be involved in? Interns have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of ministries to people of different ages and backgrounds. These ministries usually include:

- Canvassing neighborhood homes and apartments with information about programs
- Staffing a summer program for elementary students
- Developing relationships with the children in our programs and their families
- Doing practical acts of service for families in the church/neighborhood
- Sharing resources and building relationships with the homeless
- Coaching or teaching at sports and arts camps for youth and children
- Staffing youth outreaches and overnight events
- Hosting outreach or service events for the community
- Staffing Girls Clubs that provide support systems for teenage girls
- Staffing Guys Clubs that provide support systems for teenage guys
- Participating in Leadership Days to learn more about urban ministry issues
- Anything else that helps our neighborhood flourish!

What types of Bible studies and worship services will I be a part of? Interns have the opportunity to be a part of all of Springs of Grace's summer services in addition to intern specific prayer and training times. These typically include:

- Sunday Schools and Sunday Worship Services
- Young Adult Bible Study & Youth Group
- Daily Intern Prayer Times
- Weekly Intern Girls/Guys Discipleship Groups, Intern Bible Studies, and Intern Book Studies

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Who should intern? College-aged guys and girls with a desire to minister to the city in the context of the local church and a specific neighborhood! Interns should be excited about learning and growing as servant leaders in a fast-paced, go-with-the-flow environment. We want all our interns to be committed to growing in their love for God and obeying the call to love their neighbor as themselves, even when growth and obedience are challenging.

What will my responsibilities be if I intern?

- You will have a variety of daily and weekly ministry responsibilities that will keep you busier than a full-time job
- You will need to attend Intern Launch and Intern Exit Retreat
- You will have pre-interning reading assignments
- You will have weekly intern reading assignments and homework

Will I be paid? One Hope makes every effort to keep your expenses as low as possible. For out of town interns, most meals and all housing costs are covered. Interns receive a small stipend and have the opportunity to raise additional funds for their support as needed. For further information about expenses and stipends, please contact us.

When is the internship? The internship is a nine-week intensive program from late May to early August. Attendance at Intern Launch and Intern Exit Retreat is mandatory.

How do I become an intern? Visit our website at www.onehopetulsa.com and select the "Summer Internship" tab. Click on "Intern Application" and apply. After receiving your application, we will contact you for an interview, check your references, and arrange a background check.

What should I do if I have questions? You can contact our Intern Directors:

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HEAR FROM OUR FORMER INTERNS

"Interning gave me an opportunity to not only see the ways the local church should love the city, but to be an active participant in working for the good of the city of Tulsa through seeking justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with fellow interns and staff. Interning made Jesus bigger, the gospel sweeter, and God's grace greater.

- *Glory Blankenship*, Covenant College (Intern 2016-2018)

"The One Hope Tulsa internship has taught me the importance of seeking out the kingdom of God- no matter where it takes you, even to the hardest and darkest places!" - *Megan Helmlinger*, University of Tulsa (Intern 2020-2021)

"No other program I know of pushes you to love Him as much. I grew that summer as a disciple of Christ more than I ever have. Anyone looking to go deeper into the Word of God and form great relationships with the fellow interns all while living out what the Bible says should be a One Hope Intern."

- *Sam Castles*, Oklahoma Baptist University (Intern 2012-2013)

"While interning I had the chance to grow closer to like minded Christian college students while growing deeper in my love for and understanding of Christ. Interning gave me the opportunity to focus on others over the summer and become more comfortable evangelizing and loving others through Christ."

- *Mackenzie Moody*, Oklahoma State University (Intern 2013-2015)

"One Hope continually reminds me of what it means to be loved by God and to show God's love to the world - I have been so well cared for and taught how to care for others by the staff and interns at One Hope." - *Samuel Shideler*, University of Oklahoma (Intern 2020-2021)

"If you want to grow in your love for the Lord, the local church, and the lost, intern at One Hope. Not only will you gain practical wisdom and experience in urban ministry, your mind, heart, and hands will be "stretched" for the glory of God. Sometimes serving is the best way to learn about God and His people. A summer in Tulsa definitely did that for me and I encourage anyone who wants to love God more and better love those inside and outside the church to serve at One Hope."

- *Amy Witt*, Boyce College (Intern 2012, 2014)

"God used interning in my life to show me the power of prayer, the absolutely essential nature of Christian community, and the depth of his love for the hurting, vulnerable, and oppressed. I learned so much about God's heart for justice and gained a greater vision for how my life can be used for his kingdom. Deciding to intern at One Hope is one of the best decisions I've ever made."

- *Rachel Averitt*, University of Oklahoma (Intern 2018)

"Interning exposed me to what God can do and is doing in this city. It taught me that Christ's love is tough to mimic; but, man, is it beautiful and is it necessary."

- *Malachi Blankenship*, University of Tulsa (Intern 2011-2013)

"Through interning at One Hope God has taught me what true ministry really is by both the teaching of His Word and the example of fellow believers. God has used the interns and kids that I have met while interning to impact me in such a way that the things I have learned will stick with me for the rest of my life."

- *Jake Funderburk*, Rogers State University (Intern 2011-2015)

"The thing I learned more than anything is how to navigate doing ministry with people who are of a different demographic than you. The internship impacted how I view leadership. And that leading well is often done from the back and not the front."

- *Cody Balfour*, Welch College (Intern 2018)

Why should I intern at One Hope Tulsa?

Interning showed me the Gospel. When you intern, you are with saints all day everyday who are trying to take seriously the call to love their neighbors as themselves because it is what Christ called us to. That was life changing. Through Scripture-based teaching, I was able to not only learn that the Gospel is for the marginalized and the oppressed, but I had the privilege- through the local church- to actually be a part of forming relationships and trying to love others in the community. Interning taught me to continually ask myself: am I moving towards who Jesus moved toward and how can I be an advocate for others flourishing?"

- COLLEEN GIESBRECHT, UNIVERSITY OF TULSA (INTERN 2017-2018)



OUR HEART FOR OUR INTERNS



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