

**The Crescent Project Internship** 

May 20 - August 20, 2024 Thomas Messick, *Internship Director*- Interns@CPhope.org <u>CPhope.org/internships</u>

## **INTERNSHIP GOAL:**

The goal of Crescent Project's Internship is to coach spiritual leaders to love, understand and make disciples of Muslims.

## **STRUCTURE:**

## Cohorts and Coaching:

- Interns are divided into cohorts of 5-10 depending on their track, focus, and time zone.
- Every intern is assigned their own personal Crescent Project coach who will lead him/her through a combination of challenging academic work and hands-on training.
- Coaches keep interns moving forward by meeting each week to listen, ask good questions, help overcome obstacles, and identify actions interns must take each week to succeed.
- Interns meet weekly on Zoom with their coach and cohort.

## Two Tracks:

- Virtual Track: The virtual track has flexibility to be completed anywhere in the world! Past interns have joined us from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America. Training and coaching will take place virtually, with in-person, hands-on application in your local community. We are a global team who make a local impact for Jesus! Interns are expected to invest around 12 hours a week.
- Hybrid track: The hybrid track gives interns a chance to minister and learn together. All interns in this track will meet in Nashville the first weekend of June for an in-person orientation. Additionally, interns have the option to join one of Crescent Project's mission trips either in the US or abroad in June or July. In 2024, the international trip will serve in Turkey and the domestic trip will serve in the New York city area with our partner, Global Gates. Both of these trips will give interns experience loving, understanding, and making disciples of Muslims. Please see the "Investment" tab for estimated costs and more details regarding these trips.

# Four Focuses

Interns choose one of the following four focuses. There is a core curriculum all interns will cover and there is specific reading and activities for each focus. For example, interns in the *Church Planting & Discipleship* focus study more case studies regarding church planting in UPG groups and if they join the hybrid track, they will interview church planters either in the New York area or Turkey.

- *Missions & Discipleship:* Interns are equipped to reach Muslims wherever God calls them to go and to interact with Muslims in their local areas.
- *Church Planting & Discipleship:* Interns learn church planting methodologies, discipleship strategies, and interact with Muslims in their local areas.
- *Apologetics & Polemics:* Interns reply to Muslim's objections to the faith, dismantle Islamic propaganda, and interact with Muslims in their local areas.
- *Going Deeper & Activism*: Interns dive deep into comparative theology and Islamic history in order to engage in significant research, writing, and activism.

## **INVESTMENT:**

- Each intern who successfully completes their three-month term will receive a certificate of completion, signed by our Founder and the Director of Internships.
- The internship requires between 10-20 hours a week depending on which track and focus an intern chooses. For instance, the "Going Deeper" focus requires more reading than the "Missions & Discipleship" focus. The hybrid track requires more time investment because of travel to New York or Turkey. The virtual track generally requires around 12 hours a week and when the hybrid track is not traveling, we estimate the weekly time investment to be around 15 hours per week.
- *Virtual Track:* If you are looking for flexibility with low investment, this may be a good fit for you. All interns pay a non-refundable \$50 application fee which covers the use of our technology platform. Interns must purchase their own books and materials.
- *Hybrid Track:* With the opportunity to travel and serve in-person with other interns, there are increased time and financial commitments. The final investment will depend on *if* an intern decides to join one of our trips. The hybrid track requires all interns to meet in Nashville for orientation, May 30-June 2, 2024 to meet other interns, receive training, and minister to Muslims together in the city. The orientation cost is \$700 and includes housing, food, transportation when onsite, and a program fee.

# **TRIPS:**

- In addition to the orientation, interns have the option to join either a domestic or international trip.
- Domestic Trip: Crescent Project is proud to partner with Global Gates this year to send interns to one of their "Sifting Weeks" in New Jersey, right outside of NYC. Interns will receive cross-cultural training and engage Muslims in the city in the afternoons/evenings. The trip dates are June 20-23, 2024 and will cost between \$800-\$1000 depending on how many interns join. This amount includes lodging, food, travel onsite upon arrival, and a GG program fee.
- **International Trip:** This year, we are proud to offer a Crescent Project trip to Turkey led by one of our seasoned staff. This trip will partner with a Turkish church to serve earthquake victims, work alongside Turkish believers and youth, and share the Gospel. Trip dates will be determined in March. The deadline to join this trip is April 1 or until full.
- Interns who decided to take one of these trips will be trained in basic Partnership Developments principles (fund raising) if they choose to raise the funds. Interns will have access to a fund-raising app to help them keep track of their progress and to invite others to join them on their journey.

#### **APPLY:**

- 1. Fill out the interest form on <u>CPhope.org/internships</u>.
- 2. Interns will be emailed a link to the formal application.
- 3. Qualified intern candidates will be invited to a Zoom conversation with the Internship team.
- 4. Qualified interns will be invited to pay the application fee to secure their spot for the summer.