

UrbanPromise Ministries

Academic Year Intern 2010

FAQs

Which UrbanPromise program will I be interning at?

While you will participate in many areas of our ministry, your main area of involvement will be with our AfterSchool Program at either Camp Hope, Camp Peace or Camp Grace. Our AfterSchool Programs begin with students either being picked up by our staff at local schools or dropped off at our program. While in our care, students receive a healthy snack, time to play, help with their homework, support for their spiritual growth and opportunities to learn new things. The program runs Monday to Thursday, 3-6pm; Friday 12 – 3pm. The children are 5-12 years old or Grades 1-7.

What does the Academic Year Intern Program cost?

The cost is \$700/month. This will cover your accommodation, food and transportation while you are at UP. We encourage Interns to raise this money from their church, family and friends (all donations to UP are tax deductible). BUT do not let finances stop you from applying. We will help you with fundraising when you are in Vancouver.

What does the internship consist of?

The main part of the Academic Year Internship consists of working alongside an UrbanPromise Camp Director. Interns will help create and implement the program for the AfterSchool Program. Interns will also be involved in weekly classes that will equip them for urban ministry and for working with children. In addition, interns live in community which empowers them with life skills such as interacting with other adults, taking responsibility for chores, doing laundry and cooking for others.

Why do I need to complete a Criminal Record Check?

As a children's and youth ministry, the welfare of our kids is priority. As a result, we need everyone who works with UP to have this done. To obtain a CRC, you simply need to go to your local police headquarters and request it. We ask that either you or the police department send it directly to us. You may need to have a letter from UP, if so, please request one from the Intern Director.

What should I bring?

- casual, modest clothing for both sunshine and rain
- nice clothes for wearing to church
- spending money
- personal devotional material and a Bible (For use with children, we recommend the NIV, RSV or Good News editions. We prefer that you do not bring a King James version for use with children/youth)
- a swimsuit and beach towel
- toiletries (international* interns will need bring an adaptor for any electrical appliances)
- any Youth/Children ministry resources you may have– music books, game ideas, arts and craft books, skit books, etc.
- alarm clock
- books, journal, paper & pens

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The UrbanPromise House has mattresses and bedding for all who need to use them. But you are welcome to bring your own sheets, blankets & pillows for a single mattress.

Will I be able to go away for the weekend?

The weekends (with the exception of one weekend in October and one weekend in May) will be free to do what you want as long as you are prepared for camp on Monday.

Will I have access to a telephone and the Internet? What about laundry?

The UrbanPromise Vancouver house has one phone, and three computers that are connected to the Internet with a cable modem (lite-speed). You will share them with the other people who live here, so be prepared to honour a time limit for phone calls and email access.

Long distance calls cannot be charged to the house phone. In most cases, collect calls cannot be made, either. Please bring money to buy a long-distance phone card. They can be bought at any local convenience store once you arrive. (For international* interns: if you have an international cell phone, you may want to bring it with you, so that you will be able to send and receive text messages to your family.)

The house has a washer and a dryer for you to use. To facilitate the use of one washer and dryer by a number of people, a laundry schedule will be set up when you arrive.

What will my living situation be like?

You will be living in the UrbanPromise Office/House. It is located next to Camp Peace. You will live here with the other interns and House Manager. You will share the cooking and the cleaning.

How will I get my meals?

You will cook them! The house manager buys groceries every week and the Interns cook for themselves. Community meals are open to all staff and are held once a week. Interns will also share the household chores as assigned by the House Manager.

How should I bring my spending money?

We suggest that you use an automatic teller machine (ATM) that services your bank account. Call the bank that you use and find out if you can access your account during your stay in Vancouver. If using an ATM is not an option, we suggest that you bring traveler's cheques and/or small amount of cash. We do have a safe where extra cash and travel documents can be stored.

- (International* interns: VISA, Mastercard, Visa electron all work here too, your banking card may not).

Can I bring my car?

Yes, you can bring your car for personal use. You should know that there are some risks involved, as there are in any city. Please make sure you are properly insured. You might want to consider using a "CLUB" or other steering wheel lock. Also, be aware that UrbanPromise insurance will not cover your liability, collision or other insurance needs when you use your car.

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What should I do about medical insurance?

Please make sure you have proper medical insurance before coming to UrbanPromise. If you are from out of province, please inform your provincial medical insurance provider that you will be leaving the province. If you are from outside of Canada, you will need to purchase extra medical insurance to cover you while you are in Canada.

What will be my mailing address?

Your mailing address will be:

c/o UrbanPromise

PO Box 66047

Vancouver, BC V5N 5L4

Your telephone number will be (604) 432-1454.

The UP office number is (604) 709-9177 but this is for emergencies only.

**International refers to locations outside of Canada and the United States.*