



First Presbyterian Church of Columbia has recently launched a pastoral internship program with a vision *to train up the next generation of men to be deployed for a lifetime of ministry*. We are a historic church in the capital city of South Carolina with outreach in many spheres of the community. This internship is designed to have a cohort of nine interns at any time. It is a unique opportunity to live and minister in the urban, southern setting of Columbia, SC while learning and being shepherded by our world-class staff, headed by Senior Minister Derek Thomas, Chancellor's Professor of Systematic and Practical Theology at RTS. Interns would work an average of 20-25 hours per week while continuing their academic coursework, with the goal of completing their degree in four years.

Interns apply for a ministry area in order to better understand the ministry of the church and the specifics of the area to which they are assigned. Additionally, interns will receive cross-training from all ministry areas during their time at the church to gain an overall understanding of the various aspects of congregational ministry.

**Who is this opportunity for?**

This opportunity is for those new to seminary or those close to the completion of their first year. This is not required but the most likely scenario for applicants.

**How do I apply?**

Candidates must submit an application to Joshua Squires **by Jan 14, 2019**. Applications will be reviewed, interviews will happen in February and applicants will hear back by March 1, 2019.

**Areas of Focus (as of January 2019)**

We are seeking three interns to fill three of the following ministry areas: Senior Minister, Worship, Pastoral Care, Care of the Aging, Missions, and College and Youth.

**Length and Timing of Program**

*Interns must reside in Columbia at First Presbyterian Church for three years. The three year time frame would begin in July 2019 and be completed in June 2022.*

If you would like more information about this fantastic opportunity to learn, study, and follow the Lord's call into ministry, as well as an application, please feel free to contact the program administrator Joshua Squires or go to the web address below.

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