



What Is Global Footprint (Mission Centers of Houston's Summer Missionary Internship Program)

Global Footprint is a transformational experience geared towards young adults interested in receiving leadership training, cross-cultural immersion and countless service opportunities in the context of the inner city. Regardless of whether this is your first or seventh service opportunity, we trust your time with Mission Centers of Houston ultimately acts as a springboard for lifelong practices of learning, serving and loving. Today, former Mission Centers of Houston volunteers can now be found fulfilling a number of vocational positions all around the world. We welcome you to join in their footsteps.

Who Can Participate?

Eligible students must have completed at least one year in a college or university or have completed one year of employment after High School. Students must be regularly involved in an evangelical Christian church and have been a Christian for at least 1 year prior to service.

Length Of Service?

- Summer (Starts on the day after Memorial Day in May and continues until the last full week in July)
- The timing of the Fall & Spring Semester internships are more flexible

Expense?

- Summer interns are asked to provide their own transportation to and from Mission Centers of Houston. (does not apply to students assigned through their local Baptist State Convention). We will provide meals, transportation, housing, materials & training while you are at the center. Stipends are not available for summer interns.
- Fall & Spring interns will have housing, materials, ministry transportation and training provided. Fall & Spring interns provide their own meals and stipends are not available.

How Can I Apply?

There are 2 ways to apply for the Global Footprint program at Mission Centers of Houston.

1. Your local Baptist State Convention's Student Office

- College students apply through their local Baptist Convention (check with your Baptist Student Ministry office on campus for more information and to determine if they help with internships). The campus student office usually screens all applicants and places them in a ministry setting. ***Students applying with their state convention for the Global Footprint program need to request Mission Centers of Houston as their 1st choice on the application. Mission Centers of Houston cannot guarantee placement.***

2. Directly with Mission Centers of Houston

- Students can apply online at MCH's web site:
"missioncenters.org/missionary-intern-program" Summer intern applications are due by March 15th.

How Many Global Footprint Students Typically Serve Each Term?

Typically, 12-15 students serve during the summer and 1 or 2 serve during the Fall & Summer semesters.

Where Will I Live?

All Summer Global Footprint interns live in the Mildred McWhorter Missionary Building at Gano Mission Center. We have a girl's dorm and a boy's dorm. The girl's dorm sleeps 20 girls and has 4 private showers and 4 toilets. The boy's dorm sleeps 10 boys and has 2 private showers and 3 toilets. MCH provides pillows, sheets and towels. Self-serve laundry is also available in the Mildred McWhorter Missionary Building. There is no fee for laundry or detergent.

Fall & Spring interns may live in the dorms or in 1 of our 3 studio apartments, depending on availability.

Additionally, summer Global Footprint interns have a Resident Assistant or a House Parent that lives at the Mildred McWhorter Missionary Building. The person in this role provides after-hours assistance as needed and maintains the meal schedule for all the residents.

Who Provides Transportation?

MCH has 2 vans for transportation. Authorized drivers will transport Summer interns to and from Mission Center work assignments, church activities, outings and shopping trips. Fall and Spring semester interns will use the MCH vehicles for ministry.

Can I Bring My Personal Vehicle?

Summer Global Footprint interns are not permitted to use their personal vehicle while serving at MCH. Spring and Fall Interns are permitted to use their personal vehicles while serving at MCH.

Can I Work Another Job While Serving As A Global Footprint Intern?

Summer student interns are not permitted to have an additional job while serving at MCH. Spring and Fall interns are permitted to have an additional job while serving at MCH, but the hours of the job needs to not interfere with MCH programs.

Who Provides Meals?

MCH will provide ALL meals for Summer Global Footprint interns, with the occasional exception when interns decide to go on an outing and will not have access to our dining room. Spring and Fall interns provide their own meals but can supplement this with some of the food in the pantry.

What Type of Work Will I Be Doing?

Global Footprint is a hands-on immersion experience in the inner city of Houston. Student interns will work alongside staff and volunteers in all programs of the Center to which they are assigned. Mission

Centers of Houston has 2 Mission Centers and assigns a small group of interns to each Center. That Center will be the primary site where the student will serve throughout their term. The summer teams typically consist of 5-7 student interns.

Interns can expect to work with children and youth; assisting with games, crafts, Bible lessons, etc. They will also work in either a food or clothing ministry, adult and/or senior adult programs. They may also assist in feeding the homeless and in serving our community and centers through yardwork, home repair or general maintenance. Interns may have a chance to serve as ambassadors for MCH while visiting various churches in Houston each Sunday.

Since each Center has a variety of programs, exact job descriptions will not be given to intern candidates until after they arrive and have completed orientation. However, the neighborhoods and programs of all Centers are very similar.

Additionally, Mission Centers of Houston hosts volunteer teams throughout the year. Global Footprint interns will work with these teams and provide training and supervision for them.

What Do I Need To Bring?

Summer Global Footprint interns are encouraged to bring 1 suitcase and 1 carry-on. Interns dress casually (shorts, t-shirts, jeans, etc.). MCH will provide 3 different t-shirts for each intern. These shirts will be worn Monday – Wednesday of each week. MCH requires all interns to have at least one pair of closed-toe shoes (tennis shoes or work shoes) for outdoor work projects.

Can I Bring My Laptop?

Although excessive use of technology in a community setting is discouraged, a minimal use of personal laptops can be used during designated hours in the Mildred McWhorter Missionary Building. They cannot be taken to the Mission Center work sites. The Mildred McWhorter Missionary Building has wireless internet access. MCH is not responsible for laptops or other personal possessions.

Where Will I Attend Church?

Summer Global Footprint interns will attend different churches each week. They will go with the summer team to visit area churches and participate in their services. Fall & Spring Semester interns are encouraged to find a church home while they are staying at MCH.

Can I Receive Mail While At MCH?

Yes. All interns will receive mail at Gano Mission Center. The address is:

Your Name
c/o Gano Mission Center
1815 Gano Street
Houston, TX 77009

Note: You may not receive mail at MCH's P.O. Box address. Please do not distribute this address.

Can My Family / Friends Visit Me While I Am At MCH?

Yes, there are occasions when family and friends can visit. However, housing and transportation is not provided for family members. Additionally, minors must provide written permission from their parents

to leave the property with anyone other than their legal parent or guardian. **All visitors must be preapproved** by MCH's Director of Global Footprints **prior** to making plans for a visit.

What Will I Do In My Free Time?

Interns will have a unique opportunity to live and serve in a community setting during the summer. When interns are not at their Centers, they will be encouraged to build relationships with other team members. MCH will work to facilitate opportunities for community growth.