

Alliance Church - Woden Valley

DISCOVERY Internship 2022



Discovery Internship, join the journey.

An internship program with Woden Valley Alliance Church is a unique opportunity for you to explore and discover more about who you are, to expand your faith, develop your gifts and to find out what serving in your local church, local community and in a missional context is all about.

Often as people we have a desire to serve God but are unsure where, when or how. This internship program has been designed to offer you a wide range of opportunities to discover, sample, learn, and explore who God has created and called you to be. You will be able to immerse yourself in the local church in some key ministry areas and at the same time, connect with the community in a number of ways and also look at serving cross culturally. The whole internship program has been established so you will be able to gain valuable experience, be challenged, stretched, nurtured and encouraged to grow as you serve God intentionally for a period of 18 months.

Our internship program is open to Australian residents who are over the age of 18 years, are committed to growing in their faith, developing their spiritual gifts and serving the Kingdom of God.

The Discovery internship program is about creating a safe, community environment where a wide range of people can explore a diverse number of activities to see where their personal gifts and talents can be activated and utilised for the Kingdom of God.

We are passionate about seeing people discover and step into the plan God has for them and be all God has called them to be and do.

The Discovery internship program is an 18 month program with opportunities to study, serve the local church, shine in the local community and spiritually grow.

The internship program begins in February 2022 and finishes in July 2023.

(Please note the next intake will not be until Feb 2024)

There are 2 options in the journey:

Be part of the Discovery Internship Program AND study a Diploma of Christian Studies with ACOM as outlined in the following pages.

OR

Join our Discovery Internship Program AND be enrolled in some form of formal training which could be used in Ministry. E.g. Family Counselling, Bible College, Social Work, Nursing etc

If this program sounds like something you are interested in and would like to be a part of, please read on.

The Discovery Internship Journey Unpacked.

The internship for both option 1 and option 2 will focus on providing support, experience and encouragement in 4 key areas:

Spiritual growth - Core

Study and learning - Course

Serving in the local church - Church

Shining hope into the community – Community



Practical components will include:

- Mentoring & supervision
- Weekly class/homework times during term times
- Part of local church, church programs & church planting
- Spiritual Retreats (4 in all)
- A Short Term Overseas Mission Experience (2 weeks in 2019)
- Evangelism & Outreach
- School Ministry
- Pastoral Ministry
- Urban Mission
- Visiting churches of various other denominations (min 6)
- Visiting a hospice, funeral home, counselling centre & support group

Each intern will be linked to a mentor/coach for one on one supervision plus time to connect with the wider ministry team and your intern leader. As much as possible we will aim to make the internship both generic and personalised. We will seek to encourage each intern and student as part of a group but also try and give them individual support where needed and in the area of their chosen field of study.

Also rather than committing to just one area of church service or community activities, you will have the opportunity to sample and be part of a wide, diverse range of programs to grow in your understanding of who you are, what is available and where God may be leading you.

At the completion of your Internship, you will have

- Gained an understanding and appreciation for how the Alliance Church functions
- Learnt to work in a team environment
- Developed your own style of ministry and leadership skills through practical experience
- Received regular coaching and encouragement
- Received regular input and encouragement from all the pastoral team including the Senior Minister
- Progressed in your personal walk with God
- Gained a greater understanding of who God has created you to be and what His purpose is for your life
- If you have chosen Option 1 you will also walk away with a Diploma in Christian Studies



Option 1: Discovery Internship & Diploma of Christian Studies

For those wishing to enrol and apply for the Discovery Internship program with the Diploma of Christian Studies, all your subjects are provided in partnership with Australian College of Ministry (ACOM). ACOM is a Member Institute of the Sydney College of Divinity who offer internationally recognised higher education awards. The Diploma of Christian Studies introduces students to 8 units which cover the basics of the Bible, theology and practical ministry. This Diploma is a great building block for those wishing to engage in ministry and mission.

The following units make up the Diploma of Christian Studies.

Spiritual Formation S7201

Introduction to Old Testament B7120

Introduction to New Testament B7130

Introduction to Pastoral Care P7101

Introduction to Discipleship M7109

The Person and Work of Christ T7231

Mission Trip M7286

One elective unit of choice: Youth/Worship/Chaplaincy/Preaching

The Discovery Internship plus the Diploma of Christian Studies will complement each other academically and practically. At the end of this course each student should have:

- A good overview of the Bible.
- An understanding of the Old & New Testament and how they link into each other.
- An understanding of the life of Jesus Christ.
- A basic knowledge of core ministry components such as pastoral care, communication, evangelism & mission.
- The opportunity to explore ministry in one key area.
- Practical experiences which will back up the subjects and give students an overview of ministry, and the Kingdom of God in action.

The completed Diploma can be used as a credit towards a BTh or BMin and counts for one full year.

How Much Will it Cost?

The standard cost of each ACOM unit is around \$2,000 per unit plus extra towards specialty units which brings the expected total to approximately \$20,000* for the 8 units completed over 18 months. (*Subject to change and correct at the time of printing.) However, when you enrol with ACOM they will give you an exact costing. Please note students taking this option can pay their fees upfront or use the Australian Governments FeeHelp system. FeeHelp is a Commonwealth loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay all or part of their higher education fees.

Study with ACOM is Austudy & Fee-Help approved through the Sydney College of Divinity, for students who meet the Australian Government criteria.

Visit www.studyassist.gov.au for details

As most students apply and enrol in the above course with fee-help, the only cost payable during the program will be the cost of the internship which is: \$4,500 for 18 months. This cost covers **only** the internship program itself **not academic subjects**. However as part of the internship **it does include**: supervision, retreats, excursions, special events, lunch on team Mondays and an amazing mission trip. Please note the internship payment is not eligible for FeeHelp Internship fees are payable either upfront or as installments.

Internship Cost:

January 2022 Enrolment & Confirmation \$500

May 2022 \$1,000

Sept 2022 \$1,000

January 2023 \$1,000

May 2023 \$1,000

Total Payment: \$4,500

Team Meetings, Excursions & Study Days

Mondays have been set aside as mandatory for team meetings, excursions and study during school term. This day regardless of whether you are part of Option 1 or Option 2, Mondays from 9-3 are your compulsory attendance day. You are also able to use the College on other days so you can study. This is to help keep you on track with your studies and keep you accountable.

Aside from study and meetings, we have spiritual retreats, excursions or some other event planned which may fall on a weekend or different day, however you will be given plenty of notice to adjust your schedule when this occurs. There is also a two week mission trip planned for 2023—destination subject to health restrictions and current laws.

Option 2: Discovery Internship & Formal Study of Your Choice.

For those wishing to enrol and apply for the Discovery Internship and study another area of their choice, on your application form you must inform us of who you are studying with and how you wish to use your skills in ministry. For example if you are enrolled in Nursing and you would like to do Community Nursing or minister overseas OR you are studying multi media and you would like to use your skills to create inspiring videos which point people to Jesus. Our goal then would be to support you and encourage you in your dreams and find someone who can mentor or coach you with a passion or expertise in your field.

How Much Will it Cost?

The cost of your chosen course will vary from student to student and you need to check with your provider what this entails and if you are able to apply for FeeHelp. FeeHelp is a Commonwealth loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay all or part of their higher education fees, for students who meet the Australian Government criteria.

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As most students apply and enrol in their chosen course with fee-help, the only cost payable during the program will be the cost of the internship which is: \$6,000 for 18 months. This cost covers **only** the internship program itself not academic subjects. However as part of the internship **it does include:** supervision, retreats, excursions, special events, lunch on team Mondays and an amazing mission trip. Please note the internship payment is not eligible for FeeHelp Internship fees are payable either upfront or as installments.

Please note the cost for the internship differs between the two Options as Option 1 includes some subjects which indirectly make a contribution to the internship fee, therefore part of the cost is absorbed in some of the unit fees in Option 1.

Internship Cost:

January 2022 Enrollment & Confirmation \$500

May 2022 \$1,500

Sept 2022 \$1,500

January 2023 \$1,000

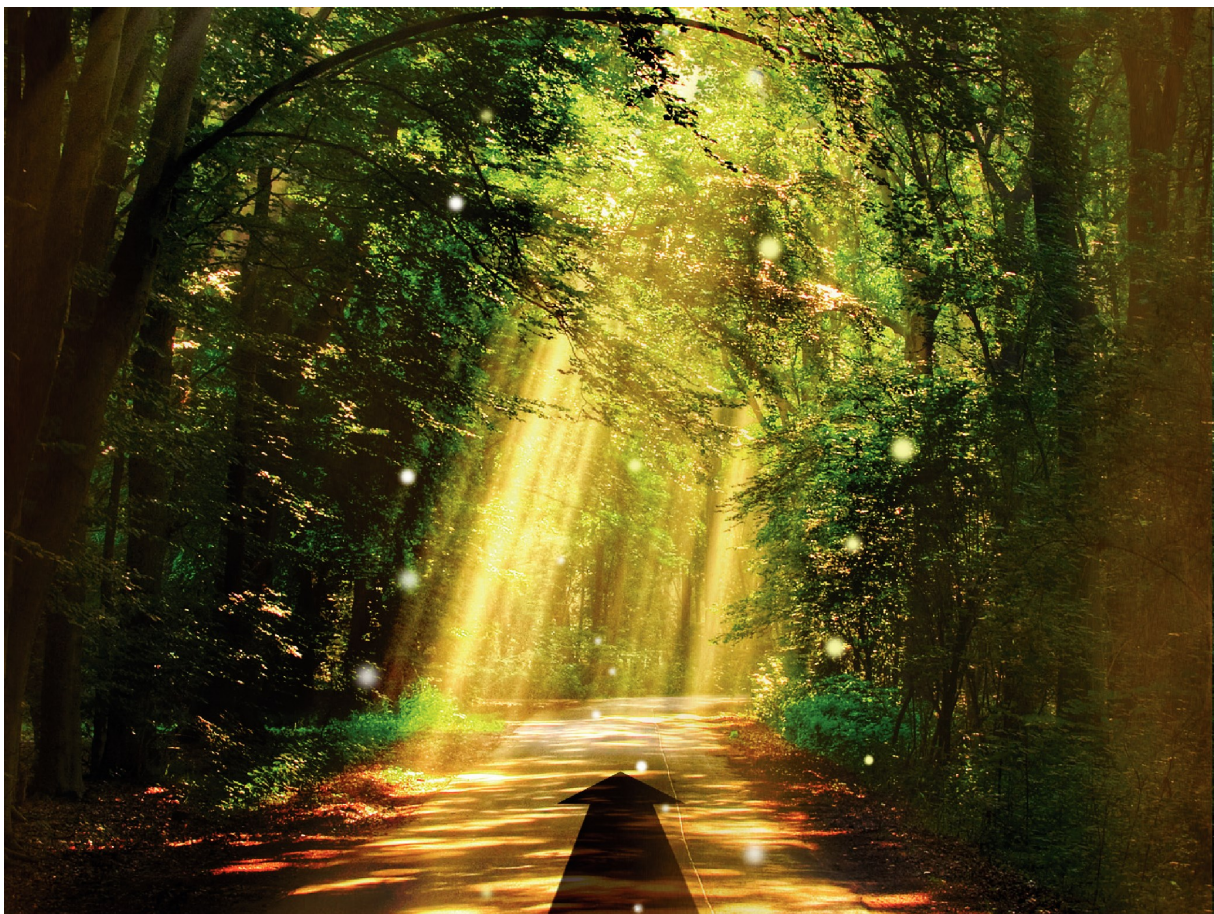
May 2023 \$1,500

Total Payment: \$6,000

Team Meetings, Excursions & Study Days

Mondays have been set aside as mandatory for team meetings, excursions and study during school term. This day regardless of whether you are part of Option 1 or Option 2, Mondays from 9-3 are your compulsory attendance day. If you are studying the Diploma of Christian Studies we are also encouraging you to study and do your homework at the college on other days. This is to help keep you on track with your studies and keep you accountable. If you are studying some other course and you are able to join the others to study, we would welcome you to be part of these days as every student goes about their individual study and focuses on their own reading and assignments.

Aside from study and meetings, we have spiritual retreats, excursions or some other event planned which may fall on a weekend or different day, however you will be given plenty of notice to adjust your schedule when this occurs. There is also a two week mission trip planned for 2023—destination subject to health restrictions and current laws.



What We Expect from Our Interns

Our Interns are special people who

- Have qualities such as a servant heart, an eagerness to learn, humility, punctuality, perseverance, respect and a willingness to try.
- Are an Australian resident.*
- Are a committed Christian for at least 12 months and at least 18 years old.
- Be prepared to commit to the full 18 month internship program. The program runs from Monday 7th February 2022 till July 2023. (Dates may differ slightly due to the various subjects students are enrolled in). Please note scheduled rest breaks/holidays will be put in place so for those who stay up to date with their homework they can enjoy some down time. There will also be a large summer break over December 2022/January 2023.
- Are prepared to respect and submit to the leadership of the church and ministry team and abide by the Alliance Church Code of Conduct.
- Are to be involved/attend weekly Sunday services, attend Monday team meeting/ study and excursion days and be involved in at least one church program/activity.
- Are committed to church-wide and leadership events.
- Be enrolled in some form of recognised and formal training relevant to your Ministry area (such as Bible College, Graphic Design School, Social Work course etc.)
- To be a role model to those within the church and within the community and to act and behave in a way which honours Jesus Christ.



Frequently Asked Questions

Who can be an Intern?

Interns can be anyone over the age of 18 who is committed to being a regular part of the Alliance Church family. They must be undertaking some form of formal study that is equipping them for the specific calling that God has on their life. This does not have to be Bible College but needs to have some relevancy to the area of ministry the Intern is interested in working in.

What if I am not doing any form of formal study?

We encourage everyone in the life of the church to be involved in ministry in some form or another and that does not require formal study. The Discovery Internship Program however is designed to intentionally equip others in a fresh and diverse way and we believe that a combination of formal training / study is an effective way to do that.

What if I work full time?

The Discovery Intern Program does not suit people working full time but you are more than welcome to be one of our Ministry Students. Ministry Students are people within our church family who are equipping themselves for some type of formal or informal ministry but are working full time or choose not to be a formal Intern. Ministry Students are still welcome to be involved in all aspects of church life and ministry but do not take place in the formal leadership development that is built into the Internship Program.

What if I am not available on Mondays?

Monday is the one day of the week we have set aside as being our mandatory day. It is usually a day where all Ministry Team staff are in the office and therefore it is a great day to connect with our interns. If you cannot attend the gatherings on Monday on a regular basis then you would be missing a crucial element of the Internship Program.

What if I only want to be an Intern for 1 year?

The Intern Program is designed 18 month commitment as outlined above. If an Intern is not able to commit to the full 18 months they would miss out on the full experience both in the church and in the community.

What if I have more questions?

If you have any other questions then please contact Helen Betz.

How do I apply?

The first step in the Application Process is to pray and seek God about your calling and what He wants for your life.

Once you believe this the right next step for you then simply complete the Application Form and forward to the church office via one of the following methods no later than **Monday 13th December 2021**:

Hand: to a ministry team member on Sunday

Post: Helen Betz

Alliance Church—Woden Valley

81 Namatjira Drive,

Waramanga ACT 2611

Email: internships@alliancechurch.com.au

What happens after I send in my application?

Applications close on Monday 13th December. After this time the following process will take place;

- Applications are processed
- Interviews will take place quickly at a convenient time to all.
- New Interns will be notified of the date of their induction in preparation to start on **Mon 7th February 2022**.



DISCOVERY Internship Application

2022

PLEASE NOTE: This form will be viewed by the Internship selection panel only. Please complete all questions thoroughly and print clearly.

Your Information

Applicant's name: _____

When did you become a Christian? _____

When did you start attending a church? _____

Date of Birth: _____

Full Address: _____

Email: _____

Contact Number: _____

Working With Vulnerable People Card No.: _____

Tell us about yourself!

Is Alliance Church Woden Valley your current church home? Yes No

If yes, how long have you been attending? _____

If no, what church have you been in previously and how long have you been there?

What formal training are you planning to undertake in 2022? _____

Name two personal references and their contact number - 1 should be a church leader.

Do you consent to us contacting your previous church as referees? Yes No N/A

In 200 words or less, briefly outline your testimony

Tell us about your work and/or study history

What circumstances & experiences have significantly influenced your life? How?

What are the 3 key lessons God has taught you in your life?

What key Bible verses speak the most to you about your life?

Outline your ministry experience so far:

What do you hope to gain from the internship?

What are your personal strengths and weaknesses?

What areas of ministry are you interested in?

You may choose more than one.

- ☐ Youth
- ☐ Young Adults
- ☐ Families & Children
- ☐ Men's Ministry
- ☐ Women's Ministry
- ☐ Community Ministry e.g. Playgroup, Chaplaincy
- ☐ Worship: Music
- ☐ Worship: Creative, Art, Drama, Dance
- ☐ Worship: Technical (Sound, Audio, Lighting etc.)
- ☐ Preaching & Teaching
- ☐ Event Management
- ☐ Communications & Media: Online Presence/Graphic Design etc
- ☐ Discipleship
- ☐ Pastoral Care & Visitation
- ☐ Small Groups/ Life Groups
- ☐ Mission
- ☐ Outreach & Evangelism

Anything Else?

If there is anything else we may need to know about you in relation to your application, please write it here.

Now what?

Once you have completed this Application Form please make sure you have;

- **Current Working with Vulnerable People Number** (*This is required for all Interns. The results of this may or may not disqualify the applicant. Children's welfare will remain our primary concern. The result of this Working with Vulnerable People Check will remain confidential, with the guidelines of applicable state and federal laws*).
- Attach a current colour photo of yourself if you are not currently a member of Alliance Church—Woden Valley (passport size please).
- Please read carefully and sign the declaration below

Declaration:

I _____ hereby state all the information contained in this application is true and accurate. I also declare I am applying for myself and not on behalf of another. I agree to participate in all activities and be committed in growing with God through the internship program. I will choose to respect all those in my team and the leadership, even when there may be differences of opinions. I recognise confidentiality is an essential component of the internship. Again I will respect others. I acknowledge church attendance is part of the internship journey as is being an active part of the community. I also will be responsible for the full payment of my internship fees and if I have not paid my fees, my internship may be cancelled at any time or I may be excluded from retreats, excursions or the mission trip.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for taking this time to complete an application for the Internship Program.