The William H. Fern Program in Field Education



RRC Curriculum

Mekhinah:
Hebrew language
learning

Years 1-3: in-person foundational learning Years 4-5: remote learning and Immersive field learning

General Internship Program

- One-off opportunities
 - ► For students in any year in the program
 - Examples: High Holidays or Scholar in Residence Weekend
- On-going opportunities
 - ► Geared towards students in Mekhinah or Years 1-3
 - Typical hours range from a few hours a week to up to 12-15 hours a week
 - As these students need to be in-person for classes, opportunities need to be in the Greater Philadelphia region, virtual, or once or twice a month at a distance
 - Examples: teacher in synagogue religious school, Hillel intern, rabbinic pulpit intern

General Internship Program

- Hiring Process
 - Submit an internship posting (support available)
 - I send the posting out to the students
 - Students apply directly to you
 - You interview the students and make your own offer
 - ► Timeline: Typically postings go out mid-February through April (as received) for the following Aug/Sept
- Compensation
 - Compensation is provided by host site and paid directly to the students (guidelines available)
- Supervision
 - ► No structured requirements

Advanced Internship Program

- ► For students in their final years in the program (years 4-5)
- ► Full academic year in length (~9 months)
- ► 15-25 hours a week
- Hybrid or in-person
- Can be anywhere in the USA
- Examples: congregational pulpit, Hillel, chaplaincy

Advanced Internship Program

Hiring Process

- Site makes a commitment to host an advanced internship with me
- Submit an internship posting (support available)
- ▶ I send the posting out to only the students in the advanced program
- Students apply directly to you
- You interview the students and make your own offer
- ▶ Internship contract signed by supervisor, student, and field education director
- Timeline: Commitment to host an internship needs to be made and accepted by early January for the following Fall. Postings go out early February as a group.

Compensation

 Compensation is primarily provided by host site and paid directly to the students (guidelines available).

Supervision

- ▶ 1 hour a week individual supervision with identified site supervisor
- ▶ 1.5 hours a week in group supervision class provided by RRC
- ▶ All advanced supervisors meet as a cohort with me 3 times during the academic year

Report from the Field



Thank you!

Any questions?

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