

Campus Missionary In Training FAQs

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Who can be a Campus Missionary in Training (CMIT)?

Those who want preparation for campus Ministry
Those who sense a call to campus ministry and desire to test their call with the CMIT.

What are the requirements for a CMIT internship?

People who have earned a bachelors degree is preferred.
People who will commit to 9-24 months in a full-time internship
People willing and able to raise their full financial support for the internship period.
People willing to immerse themselves in ministry to a campus.
People who are teachable, willing to be challenged, work hard, and grow.
People who will fulfill the application requirements.

What is a CMIT internship?

A Campus Missionary in Training internship with University Christian Ministries is a 9-24 month apprenticeship opportunity to learn and develop the character and competencies necessary for ministry among University students. It will include Biblical and practical ministry education, character development, and a wide variety of skill acquisition required for campus ministry service. It will involve learning and growing under the care and mentoring of experienced persons who have modeled fruitfulness and Godliness.

When does a CMIT internship take place?

Fundraising and coursework should start early in the year. The CMIT internship (on-campus) generally starts in the middle of August and goes through May 15.

Where is the CMIT internship located?

At the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and Simon Fraser University currently

How does a person get into a CMIT internship?

Complete the application process and be accepted into the program. Raise the monthly budget and any fees required for the internship.

Why a CMIT internship?

University Christian Ministries is committed to bringing students in relationship to Christ in Canada and beyond. The CMIT internship is part of the staff training process to recruit, prepare, train, and enable men and women to get onto campus to expand the work of Jesus among students. To be considered for a staff position within the organization, an individual must complete several stages of preparation, one of which is an internship.

How do I apply for an Internship?

Application and references packets are available at the UCM office in Langley, BC. Call 604.533.2232 or e-mail jengels@bc.paoc.org for your copy.

How much will a CMIT internship cost?

Around 2000.00 in monthly pledges for a single person. Marital status, number of children, debt repayment, and location all factor in to budget adjustments. Vancouver is one of the more expensive Canadian cities in which to live.

How does an intern develop a budget?

Each intern will be expected to raise a personal monthly budget from family, friends, savings, churches, and other creative resources.

How are the finances handled?

1. Once accepted into the CMIT program the intern will need to submit a budget. The intern is then invited into the training phase, which includes a Support Training Seminar Weekend. The intern candidate will need to open a CMIT account from the BC Campus

Ministries office. This account will be used to receive special gifts and monthly pledges for the intern. Only when the intern raises 80% of their budget, will they begin the next phase of their internship.

2. The BCCM office will issue direct pay deposits into your bank accounts on the 1st and 15th of each month.

3. A monthly recap will inform you of your donor activity.

4. BCCM recommends a 7% contribution from each intern and missionary account for the services they provide.

What is the difference between the shorter and longer internships?

The primary differences are:

1. When the internship actually starts.

2. Whether the intern has completed a Bible degree. (The Bible school/seminary graduate may have 2 or 3 courses left to complete to apply for PAOC credentials.)

The challenge that all intern candidates face is getting their budget raised in the five months before entering the internship on campus. The Bible school graduate can raise their support in 4-5 months without having to do much of the coursework depending on the content of their degree. The non-Bible degree person will need to take as many of the required distance education courses, and raise their support. Any outstanding Bible courses should be taken the following summer to graduate from the CMIT program.

Thus, the University graduate without the Bible degree background will take longer to complete a CMIT (18-24 months), than the CMIT Bible school graduate (9 months).

What basic areas are covered in a CMIT budget?

Tithe, housing and utilities, food, medical insurance, phone/internet, debt repayment a 1-2 month reserve to cover unanticipated expenses, transportation, distance education course fees, (approximately \$300.00 per undergraduate course plus books), postage/printing.

What about the newsletters?

When you have raised your support, you have an ongoing responsibility to those who are investing in the kingdom through your life, training, and service. You will be expected to send a regular news report to your finance and prayer supporters every couple of months at a minimum. You are responsible to design your own letter template, copy it, pay for your own postage, and mail your letters. Your letter must be approved

and proofread by your CMIT director before being sent out. Inconsistent letters mean inconsistent support. We want to help you succeed in this key area.

How is a CMIT intern evaluated?

The local campus CMIT director is committed to an open, sincere and honest relationship to you. The goal will be to build you up in the faith as well as in your ministry. This not only includes day to day activities, but also as they evaluate your gifts, talents, character and calling as they understand them. The hope is to help you recognize your weaknesses and build upon your strengths as a pastoral and missionary leader.

At the end of fall semester, the campus director will take time to review your progress. Not only will they give you feedback, but they will also ask you to share your opinions of the CMIT program up to this point, and allow you to offer any suggestions that may help them serve you better during the next term.

At the end of the school year you will have another review similar to the one at the end of the fall semester and you will need to complete two written evaluations, one for the local CMIT director and one to the campus ministries district director.

Towards the end of the CMIT program, plans will already be in motion for your placement if the staff and BC/Yukon PAOC District affirm your readiness to enter campus ministry (if that is where you sense God's leading). You will either be placed in an existing campus ministry or sent to a viable location to pioneer a new campus ministry.

Notes on credentials: All CMIT interns are expected to complete the Bible coursework before they can apply for licensed credential.

Because pioneering a campus ministry can be a demanding and difficult task, we are committed to being cautious about sending CMIT graduates for this purpose. Some CMIT graduates might be encouraged to wait an additional year to further develop ministry skills and/or character. Working a year as a staff person in an already established ministry is usually a good avenue for this development.