



Discipleship Intern Program

The SoulCare program, sponsored by Seattle Pacific Seminary and the Center for Biblical and Theological Education, provides seminarians an opportunity to receive valuable mentorship, training, and experience in discipleship ministries as a paid intern, while also having opportunity to invest in their own process of vocational discernment.

In the spring prior to each academic year, current and incoming Seattle Pacific Seminary students will be selected for the SoulCare program. During the academic year, interns organize and lead undergraduate small groups, and train and mentor undergraduate students to lead additional discipleship groups. Interns are also involved in intentional exercises on vocational discernment and discipleship, including readings and one-on-one mentoring.

SoulCare Program Distinctives

Young-adult seminarians with a passion for ministering to college students should apply for this program. As a SoulCare Discipleship Intern, you will receive:

- Training and leadership experiences related to developing a practical theology of discipleship ministry
- Opportunity to be involved in ministry while in the midst of seminary education, and to develop skills in pastoral care, discipleship, mentoring, leadership development, and program design, implementation, and assessment
- Participation in an intentional, diverse, welcoming Christian community where strengths are celebrated and growth is empowered through Spirit-led belonging and discipleship
- One-on-one mentoring with specific emphases on the discernment of one's gifts, passions, and calling in ministry

Interns will serve 15 hours per week for a 9 month appointment (mid-August through the end of the school year), and will receive \$20.50 per hour. In addition to serving 9 months, new Interns will be asked to meet via video chat for one hour, 2-4 times in August to discuss the question, "How goes it with your soul?" in preparation for the coming school year.

We are looking for people in this position who embody the following attributes:

- *The desire to:* -Grow spiritually in relationship with Jesus Help others grow spiritually in Jesus
- *The ability to:* -Establish and maintain healthy relationships Lead with a servant attitude
-Coordinate various events and activities Communicate effectively
-Be attentive to administrative details
- *Stability/Maturity:* -Emotionally, mentally, and spiritually
-Commitment to ongoing Christian Faith formation, emotional mindfulness, and diversity awareness and solidarity

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Who Should Apply?	Seminarians who have been approved for admission to a degree program at Seattle Pacific Seminary, and who are able to take 3 credits per quarter while participating in the SoulCare program.
Why Should I Apply?	Interns receive financial benefit, valuable ministry experience, intentional mentoring, opportunity for discipleship training, and participation in strong Christian community.
When Should I Apply?	Application deadline is March 18. Interviews will be scheduled and conducted after the application deadline. Applicants will be notified in writing of their status by May 17, 2024.

2024-2025 Interns will serve from mid-August, 2024 – June 8, 2025 (additionally, new Interns will meet via video chat for one hour, 2-4 times in August).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Applications are due Monday, March 18 by 5pm.

Please submit applications via email to cbte@spu.edu.

Statement of Faith for Seattle Pacific University

Faith and Mission.

At Seattle Pacific University, we seek to ground everything we do on the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ. Such a claim is both personal, a commitment by each member of our community, and institutional, a corporate aspiration that has guided this institution from its founding. Even while we celebrate the rich diversity of the Church throughout the world, we anchor our faith on the person of Jesus Christ, the authority of Holy Scripture, and the tradition of the Christian Church throughout history.

1. We are Historically Orthodox.

We affirm the historic Christian faith, as attested in the divinely inspired and authoritative Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and as summarized, for example, in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. We affirm that God is triune, and that the three divine Persons — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — are coequal, coessential, and coeternal. We affirm that by the grace and power of God the universe was brought into being, is continually sustained and governed, and will ultimately be brought to its promised consummation. We affirm, further, that we human beings are created by God in God's own image to be stewards of creation, and that we are called to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love others as ourselves. In these divinely appointed tasks we have failed, so that we are now subject to judgment and death. Yet we rejoice that God's grace is available to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and that through faith in Christ we are delivered from sin and death and empowered by the Holy Spirit for lives of joyful obedience to the Father. Finally, we respond to the Spirit's call to participate in Christ's body, the church; to embrace Christ's mission to the world; and to live in the hope and assurance that Christ's return will bring to completion God's saving work.

2. We are Clearly Evangelical.

We stand within the broad evangelical tradition of Christianity and, as such, we joyfully accept the task of proclaiming the evangel — God's good news — to the world. We understand this to mean that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Savior of the world and that he alone can liberate broken and fallen human beings from sin and death. We lift high the authority of holy scripture as divinely inspired, embraced by the church as central to our understanding and witness. We affirm that the Holy Spirit works in human hearts to kindle faith in Jesus Christ, to restore people to a right relationship with God and each other, and to begin transforming people into the likeness of Christ. And we believe the gospel promise that light, health, wholeness, and peace are abundantly available to everyone who asks. Yet we also believe that we are called to practice what we preach: first, by cultivating vital Christian piety; and second, by engaging the surrounding culture through public testimony and loving service.

3. We are Distinctively Wesleyan.

Standing within the Wesleyan holiness branch of historic and evangelical Christianity, and recognizing the Free Methodist Church as our founding denomination, Seattle Pacific University is informed by the theological legacy of John and Charles Wesley. We share their conviction that God's saving purpose is the renewal of human hearts and lives in true holiness through the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. We are shaped by their emphasis on the importance of the human response to the Spirit's renewing work, including the vital role of the spiritual disciplines and practices — such as prayer, meditation, worship, Scripture study, charitable giving, public

witness to Christ's saving love, and service to those in need — all of which serve as means of God's grace. Above all, we embrace the Wesleys' hope that God's transforming love is offered to all persons, addresses all areas of life, and will not rest content until it has redeemed the whole creation.

4. We are Genuinely Ecumenical.

As heirs of John Wesley's catholic-spirited Christianity, we seek to gather persons from many theological and ecclesial traditions who have experienced the transforming power of Jesus Christ. We believe that theological diversity, when grounded in historic orthodoxy and a common and vital faith in Christ, enriches learning and bears witness to our Lord's call for unity within the church. We are also well aware of other dividing walls that separate people from one another, walls that Christ desires to break down — walls of gender, race, ethnicity, nationality, language, and class. We believe that Christ calls us to value diversity and to seek ways for all persons in our university community to grow in their individual giftedness and to contribute in meaningful ways to our common life and work. Thus, in all of our diversity, we are centered in Christ, and called by him to shape, model, and participate together in grace-filled community.

Therefore, we commit ourselves to this faith, and to these shaping influences that define our community of faith, and we pledge ourselves, with humility and conviction, to live as best we know how in loving relationship with Jesus Christ and in faithful service to others. This we believe to be the defining center of our lives and the guiding aspiration of our life in community at Seattle Pacific University.