

## **CCA YOUTH INTERNSHIPS - 2017**

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) invites applications from young people between the age of 22- 29 to serve as interns at CCA headquarters in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Opportunities will be given to four young persons, who are committed to the ideals of ecumenism. The internship in CCA will be an opportunity to search for a renewed vocation for young Christians as well as to share their valuable experiences during the year long stay in a new atmosphere in Chiang Mai and work with CCA at its headquarters in a multicultural and international setting.

The candidates will be selected from among the applicants sponsored and recommended by member churches/councils of CCA. The interns are expected to bring positive energy, commitment and fresh vision to a specific work assignment in CCA during his/her internship.

The selected interns are assigned a task within one of the program areas within CCA. The four interns who will be selected for 2017 internships are expected to work in the following areas:

- **International Affairs, Peace Building, Human Rights and Advocacy**
- **Mission, Unity, Contextual Theology and Ecumenical Formation**
- **Communications, Programme Planning**
- **Church and Ecumenical Relations ; General Secretariat**

The selected interns will carry out their tasks in co-operation with a program staff, and each intern will be supervised by a senior staff.

**Duration and Dates:** 9 January to 20 December 2017.

### **General Qualifications / requirements for interns:**

- A university graduate between 22 to 29 years of age.
- Strong links to their local Christian community and strong involvement in the ecumenical movement at the national level.
- Ability to work with flexibility and an open mind to work in a multi-cultural environment.
- Capacity and willingness to handle programmatic and administrative tasks.
- Strong spoken and written communication skills in English; Strong computer skills.

### **Specific requirements in each category of internship**

#### **1. International Affairs, Peace Building, Human Rights and Advocacy**

This internship focuses on programs covering emerging geopolitical contexts in Asia, peace and reconciliation, human rights and advocacy on various issues such as rights of migrant workers, human trafficking, freedom of religion, rights of religious minorities, advocacy on violence against women, and rights and dignity of children.

**Specific requirements:** Strong interest in geo-political issues, peace-building, human rights, advocacy including the U.N and other regional bodies; Bachelors or Masters degree preferably in International Relations, Human Rights, or Peace Studies; Excellent correspondence skills in English; Computer skills including database development and email; Experiences in preparing public issues statements; respect for deadlines and able to prioritize tasks; good sense of organization.

## **2. Mission, Unity, Ecumenical Formation**

This internship is part of a program area related to mission, unity, contextual theology and ecumenical formation, which includes activities and programs such as the Asian Ecumenical Institute, Ecumenical Enablers' training, Congress of Asian Theologians, preparation for the Asia Mission Conference, and etc.

**Specific Requirements:** Strong interests in mission and evangelism, theology, and ecumenical leadership development; Theological degree; familiarity with missiological issues, church unity, ecumenical movement, youth concerns and networks.

## **3. Communications**

The intern working in this area will assist the staff in the Communications team; assisting with the organization of media events, developing and editing written pieces for the media, proof reading, publication of journals, reports; assisting with the updating of CCA website information and distribution of CCA News electronically.

**Specific requirements:** Ability to communicate in English; write press releases, maintain social media pages; must be proficient in Microsoft Office and Windows, content writing and editing skills; strong interpersonal and communication skills; computer skills knowledge in web-editing, updating website contents and managing database are also preferred.

## **4. Church and Ecumenical Relations**

An intern assigned to work in this area will have to work with the General Secretariat in areas such as church and ecumenical relations, as well as relations with membership member churches and councils. The tasks of an intern in this area will also include programmatic involvement in areas such as Asian Movement for Christian Unity (AMCU) dealing with Roman Catholic and Evangelical Churches, other regional ecumenical organisations in Asia.

**Specific requirements:** Excellent communication skills in English; ability to initiate and organise ecumenical formation programmes for young people; ability to initiate contacts and relations with member churches and councils on programmatic and relational aspects; handle independent correspondences; must be proficient in Microsoft Office and Windows.

## **The CCA is responsible for covering expenses of candidates from churches that have financial constraints:**

- Accommodation in an independent studio/one bedroom apartment;
- A reasonable living allowance to cover expenses for food and other personal needs;
- Economy class air ticket to Chiang Mai and return home;
- Expenses related to Thailand visa and a work permit;

- Medical insurance during the stay in Chiang Mai.

## **Applications**

Please send the application to CCA along with the following documents:

- Short Curriculum Vitae (maximum of 2 pages) describing both educational/professional experiences and ecumenical/church involvement.
- Copy of a letter of recommendation from member church/ecumenical organisation
- A letter stating the applicant's motivation to work as an intern with CCA for one year.

***Closing date for receiving applications 20 October 2016.***

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