

Hope OnGoing Intern Program

Are you interested in serving overseas in a missionary training position? We have a program set up just for those folks who are! You can spend time serving with a seasoned Missionary in an established ministry for 1, 2, 3, 6, or 12 months, learning how to serve in a cross-cultural setting. The job will require a regular 40 hours per week and will include, but not be limited to, sharing the Gospel daily, leading and teaching Bible Studies or assisting in doing so, working with our English as a Second Language program by practicing with the students allowing them to practice speaking English, assisting with conferences, retreats and camps as opportunities arise. There will be many other opportunities for interns to experience the culture, the landscape and all that Ukraine has to offer.

Requirements:

1. Must be 16 years old or older, and if a minor, must have full parental support to be involved for the specified amount of time. For minors, there must be a medical POA signed by parents allowing the director to acquire medical services. In the event of a serious issue, parents will be contacted prior to medical services being administered, except in the case of a life-or-death circumstance, at which time parents will be notified immediately as well.
2. Must be able to demonstrate the desire to build and maintain a Godly lifestyle.
3. Must be active in church attendance at least 3 Sundays per month and at least one Bible Study program per month.
4. If attending during the school year, must be willing to enroll in an appropriate online homeschool program and must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0
5. Must maintain international insurance through a provider that pays in Ukraine. Usually, Cigna has the best international insurance along with the best prices.
6. Must commit to no use of drugs or alcohol of any kind while serving in Ukraine.
7. Must commit to no use of pornography or illicit materials during your stay.
8. Church attendance while in Ukraine will be expected and required every week.
9. Must take Russian lessons at a personal expense of about \$20 per month.
10. Must be willing to help with daily home maintenance/cleaning, food prep, etc.
11. Must take both a Spiritual Gifts assessment and a personality assessment as part of the training.

Cost**:

1. Round-trip Flight: \$1500~+/- - this will be your responsibility.
2. Housing: Provided (Dorm-style bedroom, shared bath)
3. Food: Provided
4. Intern Salary: Up to \$200/month.
This will require a conversation to determine the amount to be received.
 - Area transportation
 - Entertainment
 - Language lessons
 - Clothing
 - Eating out
5. Souvenir Money: \$250 maximum. This is up to you. It is not provided by the Intern Program but will be on your own.

** All money can be raised through a guided process or can be supplied by family. It is a good idea for individuals to be responsible for at least a portion of their funding themselves because it encourages more substantial commitment to the task. Often, churches will provide support for members in some amount. Check with your church, grandparents, uncles and aunts, close family friends and even teachers and coaches. It is a blessing for others to invest in the lives of those who are called to share the Gospel!

Allowances:

1. Each person is allowed 2 large suitcases that will be checked and one carry-on for personal items, as well as 1 personal bag, such as a backpack, etc.
2. Each person will be allowed to bring a laptop computer or buy one in Ukraine if they so desire but must agree to have their browser history checked regularly without notice.
3. Each person will be allowed to bring an unlocked cell phone for personal use and for immediate contact from the family in the event of an emergency. The phone must be unlocked to work in Ukraine.
4. Modest clothing only.

NOT allowed:

1. No video game sets will be allowed. There will be access to a PS5, but game choices will be controlled and no MATURE rated games will be allowed.
2. No weapons of any type will be allowed. A pocket knife with a blade less than 3 inches in length can be carried, but during travel must be stored in checked bags.
3. No fireworks.
4. No drug paraphernalia of any kind.
5. No clothing with marijuana leaves or any other drug reference, profanity, or nudity will be allowed.
6. No belly shirts. I hate those!

KEEP IN MIND:

- This is a discipleship journey. I am not looking for perfect people, but I am looking for people who desire to be perfected by Christ daily.
- While living in Ukraine is very affordable, you may need at least a little extra from time-to-time. If you are receiving your money every month, be sure to budget wisely. All money will remain in the control of the individual. Hope OnGoing representatives will never take any money except your monthly food allowance. It is between you and your parents or you and God to determine how to spend your monthly allocation. Even the amounts specified are only suggestions. You might want more or less. It's up to you!
- Clothing in Ukraine is very affordable. Don't over-pack!

FAQ's

1. "What will I be doing as an intern?" Interns will play a significant role in the actual ministry of Hope OnGoing. The opportunity will be there for Interns to a. Share the Gospel (primary responsibility) b. Support language clubs by serving as an English Language speaker to guide conversations, and c. To assist in camps and conferences throughout the year. Also, you may be asked (not required) to help in renovations of the housing area, gardening, food preparation and other daily chores around the house.
2. "What other experiences will I get as an intern?" The intern experience will allow you to sharpen skills within the areas of the organization, communication and personal life choices. In addition, outside experiences may include trips to the Carpathian Mountains, the Black Sea, the Ukrainian Grand Canyon and more, determined by your length of stay.
3. "Will I be allowed to drive in Ukraine?" Not likely – but possibly around the town where we are currently headquartered.
4. "Will I have free time?" Yes. You will be expected to work primarily M – F from around 9 am until around 5 pm, but may also work some weekends during camps or conferences. I do promise, however, that the majority of the work will be truly enjoyable and maybe even life-changing!
5. "What if I meet 'THE ONE' while I am there?" Well, that will be a bridge we have to cross as we come to it. I can tell you that my expectations are for you to serve, not to date, but I also understand that relationships develop at times. Regardless of the circumstances, you will be required and highly expected to maintain a Godly lifestyle, meaning not allowing yourself to be alone with a member of the opposite sex under any circumstances. Public outings will be allowed, but private times shared in your room or theirs will not be allowed. Remember – you are here to serve the Lord. Not yourself!
6. "Should I go on a mission trip there first?" I would ALWAYS suggest a mission trip – regardless of the plans afterward! It is, however, a great idea to experience the culture and social differences there before you come to Ukraine to live for any amount of time. There are mission trips set throughout the year, so just ask about the next trip and see if it will work for your schedule. For minors, I always suggest you go on an STMT with a parent first. That way, they will feel more secure regarding your well-being before they let you go for a more extended period.
7. "What is the food like?" DELICIOUS! It's pretty much meat and potatoes, but with lots of fresh vegetables as well. Most preservatives are outlawed in Ukraine, so there is very little processed food there. There might be an occasional smoked fish with its eyes still staring at you, but that is pretty seldom.
8. "What about the people? Do they like Americans?" Yes, they like us very much. It is always in their best interest to speak English, but practice with real English native speakers is rare, so they eat it up when it is possible! You'll be a "rock star" in their eyes!