

SEMESTER INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE Fall 2017
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Rural & Migrant Ministry is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that works for the creation of a just, rural New York State through:

- Nurturing leadership
- Standing with the disenfranchised, especially farmworkers and rural workers
- Changing unjust systems and structures

Mid-Hudson Valley Positions

There are many exciting internship opportunities in the Mid-Hudson Valley region, based out of the Poughkeepsie office:

1. Public Relations and Development (8 hours/week)
2. Youth Arts Group (8+ hours/week)
3. Rural Women's Assembly (4 or 8 hours/week plus conference)
4. ADELANTE: Student Voices (4 or 8 hours/week)
5. Research (4 hours/week)

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Help make a difference in the lives of hundreds of rural and migrant people across New York by helping to strengthen one of the leading rural non-profit organizations in the state. Two critical components of any non-profit are its development and public relations efforts, especially in this economy. Here is an opportunity to not only make a difference but also to develop direct skills while building up your resume!

Interns will have the opportunity to work directly on a development and public relations campaign that strengthens and promotes the mission of Rural & Migrant Ministry. This semester we will be working primarily with traditional and social media, and special events. Interested students can also choose to focus on writing grant applications.

The position requires the following:

- Available during the weekdays, before 4pm
- Passion to be an ally for justice
- A detail-oriented person
- Strong writing and communication skills

For more information Call Katia Chapman at 845-485-8627

YOUTH ARTS GROUP

The Youth Arts Group of Rural & Migrant Ministry is looking for interns to work with them as they develop their leadership skills for social justice. The Youth Arts Group (YAG) is a group of sixteen high school students from around the Mid-Hudson that uses the arts to bring about systemic change in the issues of their lives. During the 2016-2017 school year they focused on:

- Farmworker justice
- Feminism
- Mental health awareness (fighting ablist)
- Immigrant justice

The group has received national attention, and travels frequently. Within the past couple of years the group has been to NYC, Syracuse, Philadelphia, Seattle, Alabama, Houston, and Washington D.C.

This semester the group is looking for an intern to help them as they finalize and present their 2017 projects, including interviewing local farm workers for a WVKR podcast. The fall is also a critical time when the group recruits applicants, chooses new members, and decides upon their 2017-2018 topics. The group meets once a week in addition to trips and presentations. Interns are expected to attend every Friday night (exceptions for illness, emergencies) and to help with occasional committee meetings and trips, including overnights. YAG prefers interns who can commit to one year of partnership.

*** We will also accept interns who cannot commit to Friday nights, but can meet with the subcommittees during the week, and help chaperon occasional trips. Office positions are also available if you want to help fundraise for the group and the coordinator Andres with planning.

This highly rewarding, but demanding position requires the following:

- Available for Friday afternoons/nights (4 – 11:30pm) OR afternoons and nights during the week
- Willingness to support the group on occasional trips, including overnights
- Driver's license and willingness to learn how to drive a large van
- Passion to be an ally for justice

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yag.ruralmigrantministry.org

RURAL WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY

RMM is looking for someone to help with the development of the Rural Women's Assembly (RWA) to take place at the Holiday Inn in Albany, NY December 8th -10th. The Rural Women's Assembly is in its 12th year of inspiring rural women to greatness. The conference is designed for over a hundred rural women from diverse backgrounds to come together to share stories and knowledge. Professionals of diverse backgrounds including farmworkers and allies lead workshops, and different rural women give inspiring testimonies every night. The entire conference is conducted with headsets for simultaneous Spanish- English interpretation.

The position offers the opportunity to work on helping to develop and implement the Assembly. It will require communication with the RWA founder Ruth in addition to weekly phone conferences with members of the RWA committee. Interns volunteering 8 hours/week can also help put together a small local fundraiser to help provide more scholarships for the conference. The RWA intern also preferably assists during the weekend of RWA as well, presenting an incredible opportunity to experience a large-scale conference from the viewpoint of an organizer.

The position requires the following:

- Available Tuesday or Thursday afternoons and ideally Dec. 8-10
- Passion to be an ally for justice
- A detail person who is comfortable with computers
- Knowledge of Spanish or Haitian Creole is preferential, but not required for this position.

For more information Call Katia Chapman at 845- 485-8627
<http://www.ruralmigrantministry.org/en/destiny-assembly>

ADELANTE: Student Voices

RMM is the fiscal sponsor of ADELANTE, an independent project founded by Gabriela Quintanilla, a graduate of the Youth Arts Group. ADELANTE is a 10-day overnight summer program for undocumented high school students in the Hudson Valley. It serves as a peer networking and empowerment experience, as well as a place to build skills and knowledge regarding how to navigate their legal status, especially when it comes time to apply for college.

We are looking for interns who can dedicate themselves to join the planning committee for the year, and even ideally join us as counselors during summer 2018 (we can help you apply for funding when it comes time). Responsibilities include mentoring current members, developing promotional and fundraising materials, and contacting both schools and out of school programs to build relationships and recruit young people to apply. We are in special need of an intern comfortable coordinating our social media. This is a good position for someone who would have difficulty coming to the office, as much of the work is remote.

The position requires the following:

- Flexible availability
- Passion to be an ally for justice and youth empowerment
- Knowledge of Spanish or another language

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RESEARCH/ INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

Richard Witt, the Executive Director of RMM, is willing to brainstorm with an intern about ideas for a research project that would benefit RMM and provide hands on investigative experience. Research projects change semester to semester and often depend on the skill and interest of the interns. Examples of possible projects include research into opposition towards the Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act and rebuttals, helping to form a new immigrant student advocacy group in area schools, popular education curriculum and activities, and the benefit of rural worker cooperatives.

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