

SEMESTER INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE Fall 2019
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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. Hours/week are suggested averages. The following are open to applicants:

1. Youth Arts Group (8+ hours/week)
2. Public Relations (4 or 8 hours/week)
3. Development (4 or 8 hours/week)
4. Rural Women's Network (4 or 8 hours/week)
5. Research (4 hours/week)

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 high school students from around the Mid-Hudson Valley that uses the arts to bring about systemic change in the issues of their lives. During 2019 they are focusing on:

- Farmworker justice
- Separation of families
- Family Violence

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

In the Fall Semester, the group is looking for an intern to help them as they finalize their summer art projects, and choose social justice issues for the 2019-2020 academic year. They will also be engaged in recruitment and selecting new members. 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.

We will also accept interns who cannot commit to Friday nights, but can meet with the subcommittees during the week, and help chaperon occasional weekend 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 (3:30 – 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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PUBLIC RELATIONS

RMM is built on building bridges across communities in the state of New York and beyond. The Public Relations intern will work with staff to present the “face” of RMM to key constituents on topics such as our progress since the June passage of the Farmworker Fair Labor Practices Act, opportunities to join us for programming, and the stories of those who compose RMM.

You can join one or more of the following projects, depending on your interests/ prior experience and the priorities that arise in the Fall:

- Writing Press Releases
- Collecting information to craft our monthly newsletter
- Updating our website
- Coordinating a social media campaign

While we prefer interns who can regularly come to the Poughkeepsie office (360 Noxon Road) in order to connect with staff, we can also offer a hybrid internship or allow proactive interns to work from campus and communicate via phone calls and emails.

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 Laura Lecour at 845- 485-8627 and email rmmllecour@gmail.com

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. This 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 campaign that strengthens and promotes the mission of Rural & Migrant Ministry. This semester interns will have the chance to get involved in one or more of the following projects:

- Supporting special events happening around the state
- Grant writing
- Writing direct appeals
- Analyzing donations for our Annual Report
- Organizing donor entries in our database, Etapestry

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The position requires the following:

- Available during the weekdays, before 5pm
- Passion to be an ally for justice
- A detail-oriented person
- Strong writing and communication skills

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RURAL WOMEN’S NETWORK

RMM is full of strong female leaders at all four of our sites around the state (Western NY, Hudson Valley, Long Island, and the Catskills). This year, each region will host a Women’s Retreat in addition to regular opportunities for the families who form part of our program to connect. The female leaders of RMM have spoken out in Albany about sexual abuse in the workplace, provided space for healing to one another, and engaged in projects like providing transportation and childcare to help others.

The RWN intern will participate in periodic discussions between the four sites as they establish a women’s empowerment curriculum and share ideas for new projects. An early project will be interviewing program coordinators as well as participants to survey what a “Rural Women’s Network” could entail. The intern will also help to make programming possible, by providing ideas, offering logistical and administrative support, and spearheading a fundraising effort. The intern for RWN should be comfortable with a flexible position in which we expect strong communication and a proactive attention to detail in order to realize new ideas.

The position requires the following:

- Flexible availability
- Passion to be an ally for justice
- A detail-oriented person
- Strong writing and communication skills
- Spanish is preferred, but not required. The network is multicultural.

For more information call Sakima McClinton at 845- 485-8627 and email her at rmmsakima@gmail.com

RESEARCH/ INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

Richard Witt, the Executive Director of RMM, is looking for an intern team willing to engage in primary and secondary research to support (or complicate) our argument that rural youth face unique barriers. We have witnessed academic scholarship and journalism further isolate our members by not taking into account their experiences. The end product could be an op-ed, radio story, memo with talking points, or report.

Examples of other possible independent projects include popular education curriculum and activities, updating our media contact list, and the benefit of rural worker cooperatives. Research projects benefit RMM and provide hands on investigative experience.

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