

SEMESTER INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE Spring 2018
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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.

1. Public Relations and Development (8 hours/week)
2. Justice for Farmworkers Campaign (4 or 8 hours/week)
3. Youth Arts Group (8+ hours/week)
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

JUSTICE for FARMWORKERS CAMPAIGN

The Justice for Farmworkers Campaign is a campaign that seeks equal labor rights for New York State's 60,000 plus farmworkers. Here is your chance to participate in an historic civil rights campaign.

The goal of the Campaign is to get equal labor rights for farmworkers, who are presently excluded by New York labor law from the right to a day of rest, overtime pay and disability insurance. Farmworkers also have no protection when trying to bargain collectively. Child labor standards are different for farmworkers as well. Youth can start working on a farm at age 12, or in some cases as young as 6, and be exposed to the same level of pesticides of the industry standard based on safety for adult men.

We are looking for interns that will help organize support in the faith, labor and student communities across New York State. They will be expected to draft materials for rallies and events and take on research projects related to the campaign as needed. The supervisor for the campaign is based in NYC, so the intern should be comfortable working remotely.

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<http://ruralmigrantministry.org/en/justice-farmworkers-campaign>

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 2017 they focused on:

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

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 spring semester the group is looking for an intern to help them as they finalize and present their 2017 projects, and choose social justice issues for 2018. 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 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

For more information call Katia Chapman or Andres Chamorro at 845-485-8627
yag.ruralmigrantministry.org

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

For more information e-mail Gabriela Quintanilla: adelantestudentvoices@gmail.com
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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. For more information call Katia Chapman or Richard Witt at 845- 485-8627