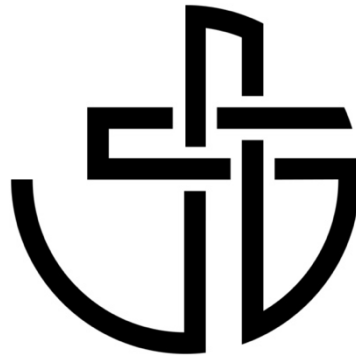


World Communion of Reformed Churches



INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

2021-2022

APPLICATION FORM

Applicants, please read the following information carefully and answer all questions in this form, then send the completed application, a curriculum vitae (résumé), and letter of motivation to the office of your national church (*must be a WCRC member church*) for endorsement. The head of your national church should endorse the application and send it to the address listed below by **11 June 2021**.

Endorsed applications should be sent preferably by email to:

The General Secretary
Rev. Chris Ferguson
World Communion of Reformed Churches
Knochenhauerstr. 42
30159 Hannover, Germany
Email: wrc@wrc.eu
(Fax: + 49-511-8973-8311)

WCRC Internship Programme

Called to communion and committed to justice, the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) has an internship opportunity for a highly qualified person who is interested in gaining valuable experience working with an international ecumenical organization. The internship will be for 12 months based in the WCRC offices in Hannover, Germany, beginning July-August 2021, *depending on pandemic travel restrictions*.

This opportunity is open to individuals aged 30 or younger, including ministers, seminarians in the senior years or Christian professionals with interest in working for their churches or the ecumenical movement at any level.

Qualifications

- Member of a WCRC member church (including associate and affiliate members) identified as having potential for a future leadership role for the church.
- Interest in Reformed identity, Christian unity, justice in the world and ecumenical engagement.
- Ability to work in the English language fluently; reading at least one of French, Spanish, German, Bahasa Indonesian, or Korean would be a strong asset.
- Ability to work in a multicultural team.
- Previous experience in one or more of the following programme areas: Theology, Mission, Communion, Ecumenical Engagement, Justice, or Witness.

Key areas of responsibility and learning

An internship is essentially a learning experience. However, it is a genre of learning in which the interns bring a high quality of gifts which they put at the disposal of the organization and through practice gain new skills and abilities to apply their gifts in the setting of an internship with minds on applying them in their home countries. Therefore, the intern will be assigned tasks that s/he will be expected to perform at a high level.

The intern will be provided with a range of experiences within the WCRC, working closely with both of the programme offices, specifically. The specific areas of work are as follows:

1. Theology, Mission, Communion and Ecumenical Engagement

Under the supervision of the Executive Secretary for Theology and Communion, the intern will be engaged in studies in Reformed identity and theology, mission, ecumenical engagement, bilateral dialogues with other Christian world communions, interfaith dialogue and other related areas. The intern will also be involved in how churches engage in mission relevant to the 21st century. In addition, the intern will also be assigned tasks that involve her/him in mission in unity, mission reinterpretation, and mission empowerment.

2. Justice and Witness (including economic, climate, gender and racial justice)

Under the supervision of the Executive Secretary for Justice and Witness, the intern will be doing work related to justice in the economy and the earth, gender justice and the inclusion of young people in the life of church and society. While bringing gifts of commitment to justice issues, the intern will experience first hand what can be done by an ecumenical organization such as the WCRC to stimulate churches in their responding to the call to be prophetic instruments of transformation in their communities. The intern will be involved in planning and executing consultations and publications related to this area.

The intern will also have a chance to learn from the rich resources in the WCRC office about the interface between theology and justice.

Dates

The internship programme will start July-September 2021, depending on pandemic travel restrictions, and last for one calendar year (i.e. twelve months' duration). The intern should be available for a one-year period beginning in Hannover, Germany, as of July 2021 (with the specific date to be agreed upon). The intern is then expected to be active within her/his home church in the months after finishing the internship. Post-internship home-church activities will include speaking about the intern's experiences with the WCRC.

Location

The internship will take place in Hannover, Germany, either remotely in provided accommodations, or in the offices of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, depending on pandemic restrictions. Travel to consultations, dialogues or other meetings also may be possible, though not likely in 2021.

Cost

The cost of the internship will be shared between the World Communion of Reformed Churches and the intern or the intern's home church. The internship programme is sponsored by the *Evangelisches Missionswerk* (EMW) and WCRC member churches. As such, the majority of expenses are covered (including travel, housing, medical coverage, and a small stipend). However, interns are asked to raise some of their own funds, either through their home church or via individual sponsorships. Interns and/or their churches that genuinely will not be able to contribute to this or will be able to contribute only a fraction will not be at a disadvantage in the selection process.

Interns' Programme Application Form 2021

(Please type or write all answers clearly)
The application deadline is 11 June 2021

Please attach a recent photo

1. Names

Family name

First name(s)

Church membership

2. Contact information

Postal address name

Street number and PO Box

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City or Town Province or State

Postal or Zip code Country

Telephone (country code/city code/number)

Fax (country code/city code/number)

Email

3. Date of birth (day/month/year) / /

4. Nationality

5. Gender Female..... Male.....

6. Marital Status Single..... Married.....

7. Occupation (if student, which field)

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8. What is your mother tongue?

9. WCRC operates in four official languages. Please mark with an "X" to indicate

- the languages you **speak**
- the languages you **understand**
- the languages you **read**
- any other languages you speak, understand or read

	English	French	German	Spanish	Other(s):
Speak					
Understand					
Read					

IMPORTANT: Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

- A. Why are you interested in the ecumenical movement?
- B. Why are you interested in being an Intern of the WCRC?
- C. Describe yourself in five sentences.
- D. What gifts and competencies will you bring to the internship?

IMPORTANT: Please read and sign the following declaration:

1. I understand that the WCRC, through a grant from EMW, will provide me with housing, medical insurance and a small stipend to cover living expenses. I understand that I (or my church) will be asked to cover a part of these expenses, including those for travel between my home country and Germany.

2. Please check one of the following:
 - I am able to pay for my entire return travel cost (airfare) to Germany.

 - I request a partial subsidy for my travel cost (airfare) to Germany and I am prepared to contribute

 - I am unable to contribute anything to my airfare to Germany and request a full subsidy for my international travel.

 - I/my church will be able to raise (enter amount) to contribute towards the internship.

3. I confirm that I will work as a full-time intern in Germany for 12 months and commit to speaking about the WCRC to my home church after the completion of my internship.

Signature

Date

IMPORTANT: Please follow this endorsement process

The head of your national church must endorse this application. When you have answered all of the above questions send this form to the office of your national church, requesting that it be endorsed by the head of your church (often called the General Secretary, Moderator, President, Stated Clerk, Synod Clerk, Bishop, etc.). The office of your national church must then send your application to the General Secretary of the WCRC.

Endorsement by

Position

Church

Date

**Remember to include a curriculum vitae (résumé) and letter of motivation.
Only fully completed and endorsed applications will be considered.**