

## Christian Challenge AZ Leadership Journey

**Who:** Those committed to radical life of discipleship, who want to see the lives of college students transformed and a revolution started on multiple campuses across a large metro setting. This internship is not for the faint of heart but for those who would die for the cause of Christ. If you are in your senior year of college or beyond and want to be a dangerous disciple who develops effective student leaders, leaving a legacy for generations to come, this internship is for you.

**What:** A two year internship in collegiate ministry in Metropolitan Phoenix where participants learn to develop their character, visions, skills, and knowledge for ministry that impacts the nations. While in this internship you will be given practical help in walking with God. You will also receive training in ministry skills for reaching college age adults. Furthermore, you will develop a plan for becoming an effective leader with a global vision.

**When:** Usually internships would begin August 1<sup>st</sup> and conclude in May at the end of the second year. Some may also include summers. However, if there is one thing ministry leaders know in the Southwest, it's how to be flexible. So, time is negotiable.

**Where:** Metro-Phoenix has many college campuses and close to 300,000 college age adults. Arizona State University has four campuses in the Valley which are growing rapidly. ASU Main in Tempe is the largest university, population wise, in the nation. Furthermore, the largest community college in the nation is located here, Mesa Community College. Moreover, the Maricopa Community College Campuses boast several large campuses in the Valley. There is also a thriving Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Grand Canyon University that is becoming more metro in its focus.

**Why:** Working with college students is an exiting ministry. They are at a crucial stage in life where they will make decisions that affect the rest of their lives. They are at the most teachable and most available stage to be influenced with the Gospel. Students need to be introduced to Christ, shown a vision for life, and develop a heart for the nations.

### Why Phoenix?

Premier Seminary Campus—Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's Arizona Campus is one of the best equipping experiences and affordable too. At GGBTS Arizona you can earn a MDiv, M.A. in Theological Studies, M.A. in Educational Leadership, or a DMin. A collegiate ministry track is also in the works.

Harvest—Exciting ministry in some of the darkest places on earth. Arizona is about 88% unchurched. The harvest is truly plentiful and the workers are so few. The possibilities are almost limitless for ministry in the Metro-Phoenix area. Furthermore, there a multitude of campuses and several large ones with a combined total of over 220,000 college students taking classes.

Climate—With 300 sunny days a year you can't go wrong. Arizona is the only place you can drive in a day to all of the terrains that exist in the world.

Equipping—We are committed to providing you life changing and relevant equipping that will make you an effective disciple making leader in ministry for a life time.

### What will I live on?

Semester Missions— This is a great opportunity to serve for two semesters where we provide your housing, and cover some living expenses on the field while the North American Mission Board provides you a stipend. This is a way to get your feet wet and explore ministry.

Mission Service Corp (MSC) - You will be guided in the process of support raising so you can invite supporters to make it possible for you to serve in ministry, walking by faith. This is a great way to go if you want to serve full time in collegiate ministry and for more than one year. Also, it's a great way to grow your faith as God meets your needs by calling friends to the table to support you in ministry.

Part Time employment—if you desire to serve part time in collegiate ministry and not seek financial support, you can secure part time employment to provide for your living expenses. Keep in mind this can limit your time on campus and with students. But if you choose your employment wisely, it can also put you in the path of many unchurched students.