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Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life Second Year Multifaith Internship

Have you been a Truitt Center Multifaith Intern and seek to deepen your leadership and understanding of the world's diverse religious, spiritual, and ethical traditions? Do you wish to serve as a mentor and support for the department's multifaith interns and members of the Multifaith Student Council? Would you like to help educate and provide training for fellow students about multifaith identity, cultural competency, and religious literacy? Do you want to help other students foster a sense of connection, belonging, and growth within the spiritual community they serve?

The Second Year Multifaith Internship is for you!

Overview:

The Second Year Multifaith Internship Program is focused on advancing deeper engagement in multifaith work within the university community. This position offers opportunities for peer mentorship, collaboration with the Multifaith Student Council, and facilitation of campus-wide training on religious, spiritual, and ethical identities. The role also emphasizes interfaith leadership. **Second Year Multifaith Interns** are dedicated to fostering understanding, respect, and dialogue among individuals of diverse religious, spiritual, and ethical backgrounds. Through mentorship, education, and community engagement, the program seeks to empower students to become leaders in promoting interfaith cooperation and social justice within the university and beyond.

The Second Year Multifaith Internship is a commitment of 6-10 hours per week for the entire 2024-2025 Academic year and involves 2 hours at the front desk and 4-8 hours of programming work and multifaith engagement

The key expectations of the internship are as follows:

MEETINGS

- Participate in specified meetings, retreats, and programs with the First Year Multifaith Interns - TBD
- Participate in every other week one-on-ones with the Director of Multifaith Programming and Engagement to check in on internship goals and for project and programming support

PEER MENTORSHIP:

- Provide mentorship and guidance to incoming first-year Multifaith Interns through structured and unstructured connection experiences, including holding an MCM with each member of the current first year cohort during the fall semester
- Foster a supportive and inclusive environment for peer learning and growth, remaining accessible to the cohort of first year interns throughout the year to help support them through event planning, MCMs, and other aspects of the internship.

FESTIVALS, EVENTS, and PROGRAMS

- Coordinate the logistics for the Green Tara Sand Mandala, including meals with Geshe Sangpo
- Serve on the leadership team for the annual Ripple Interfaith Conference
- Interns are expected to help design a half-day retreat or site visit for the first year interns, along with the Director of Multifaith Programming and Engagement, which is designed to enhance community relationships and facilitate connections within the cohort.
- Second Year Interns are expected to actively participate in and contribute to multifaith events, dialogues, and celebrations on campus. They will not be expected to take the lead for the festival series unless they want to.

ENGAGEMENT (MCMs)

- Contact and connect with students, faculty and staff across campus for at least one hour every other week for Multifaith Connection Meetings (MCM). In order to further develop skills as a Multifaith ambassador, interns will need to
- Build relationships with students, faculty, staff, and community members to promote understanding and respect for diverse religious and spiritual identities, and act as ambassadors for the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life

EITHER/OR OPTIONS (or create your own path):

MULTIFAITH STUDENT COUNCIL:

- Work closely with the newly formed Multifaith Student Council to develop and implement initiatives.
- Serve as a liaison between the Multifaith Internship Program and the Multifaith Student Council
- Participate in council meetings, events, and planning sessions.

PEER TO PEER MULTIFAITH TRAINING

- Design and deliver training sessions, workshops, and seminars for student leaders and student groups across campus. Topics include but are not limited to: Understanding Religious Diversity, Fostering Interfaith Dialogue, Spiritually Informed LGBTQIA+ Training, and Intercultural Competency through a Multifaith Lens.
- Collaborate with campus partners and other student leaders to integrate multifaith perspectives into existing programs and initiatives.

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Engage in ongoing personal reflection and spiritual growth activities.



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- Share insights and experiences with fellow interns and the broader university community

INTERNSHIP PROJECT

- As part of this internship, each cohort participant will be expected to create and fulfill an individual project. This project should contribute to Elon's Multifaith Initiatives, including the Multifaith Strategic Plan, the Spirit and Pride Initiative, etc.
- The expectations for this project are as follows:
 - It's achievable by the end of the academic year. It's something that draws on the intern's current strengths but also allows for new growth. It is meaningful to the intern as a representation of how they want to shift, grow or deepen their experiences of Multifaith at Elon. And it is something that the interns believe is needed by the Elon community to deepen religious literacy and multifaith understanding.
 - Upon completion of this project, the intern will write up a short description of the goals, the process, and the results.

GOALS, REFLECTIONS, JOURNALING, AND ASSESSMENT:

- Each intern will be required to set one skills-based goal and one personal goal for the internship, and track their progress, alongside their supervisor, throughout the experience
- Regular reflections, journaling, and assessment are a part of the internship, and a way to help interns keep track of their journey. Interns are expected to make contributions to the Truitt Center newsletter and social media.

TRUITT CENTER AMBASSADOR and OFFICE HOURS

- As part of the internship, interns are expected to work in the Numen Lumen Pavilion for 2 hours per week at the front desk. During those two hours the interns are expected to be a welcoming presence, greeting visitors and acting as ambassadors for the Truitt Center. Office hours are also an opportunity to engage in research for intern projects, work on upcoming events, provide tours of the building, and host peers interested in multifaith at Elon.
- As student ambassadors, the Multifaith Interns serve as the voice and face of the Truitt Center. They will learn the skills to answer questions about the department, about multifaith work, and about opportunities to engage with Religious and Spiritual Life. Interns might also be called on to welcome prospective or admitted students.