



La Jolla Presbyterian Church Summer Internship Program 2027

Program Overview

The La Jolla Presbyterian Church (LJPC) Summer Internship Program is a **2-month (June/July) paid immersive formation experience** for young adults seeking to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through intentional discipleship, spiritual formation, and hands-on ministry experience. Through pastoral mentorship, theological study, and leadership development, interns will be challenged to grow in their faith, discover their God-given gifts, and discern how God is calling them to serve others.

Interns will participate in three core components:

1. **Ministry Practicum** – Practical, supervised ministry training in areas such as kids, youth, young adult, and hospitality ministries.
2. **Discipleship & Formation** – Weekly theological and spiritual formation led by Rev. Dr. Sheri Perenon.
3. **Professional Development** - Structured workshops on workplace communication, corporate etiquette, and resume optimization to build career readiness.

This program is ideal for young adults discerning a call to ministry, seeking leadership development, or desiring a deeper understanding of how faith is lived out in the local church.

INTERN PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

1. Ministry Practicum (Primary Focus)

Interns will be mentored by the ministry director and actively participate in planning midweek gatherings, events, and student mentoring.

2. Discipleship & Formation (Core Weekly Experience)

The discipleship component is intentionally designed to shape the **inner life, theology, and leadership character** of each intern. This portion of the program will be led by Rev. Dr. Sheri Perenon, with a focus on holistic spiritual formation.

Discipleship Elements Include: - Weekly cohort gatherings - Scripture study and theological reflection - Spiritual practices (prayer, Sabbath, silence, discernment) - Vocational discernment and calling - Leadership development and self-awareness - Guided reflection on ministry experiences.

Interns will journey together in community, learning how to integrate faith, leadership, and daily life while being mentored by experienced pastoral leadership.

3. Professional Development (Core Weekly Experience)

The Professional Development component of the La Jolla Presbyterian Church Summer Internship Program is designed to equip interns with the practical skills, leadership experience, and personal growth necessary for success in ministry and future careers. Through hands-on experience, intentional mentorship, leadership training, and opportunities for self-reflection, interns will develop their communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and organizational skills. This experience will encourage interns to discover their strengths, grow in confidence, develop a strong work ethic, and explore how their God-given gifts can be used to lead and serve others in both ministry and professional settings. This component will be led by Rev. Dr. Sheri Perenon.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the internship, participants will: - Gain practical experience in a local church ministry context - Develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills - Grow in spiritual maturity and theological understanding - Discern personal gifts, passions, and potential vocational calling - Learn how discipleship shapes ministry and leadership.

Program Details

- **Location:** La Jolla Presbyterian Church, La Jolla, CA
 - **Term: June–July 2027**
 - **Time Commitment:** Up to 40 hours a week (Sunday – Thursday; Possible overnight camp/retreat commitment)
 - **Compensation:** \$18 hr
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Who Should Apply

This internship is open to: - Young Adults exploring vocational ministry or nonprofit leadership - Individuals seeking intentional discipleship within a church setting - Those eager to learn, serve, and grow in community.

No prior ministry experience is required—only a teachable spirit, commitment to growth, and willingness to serve.

Application Process

Applicants need to submit to **sherip@ljpres.org**:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Two references

If selected, applicants will be invited to an interview. All interns will be chosen by May 1st, 2027.

About La Jolla Presbyterian Church

La Jolla Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered, community-rooted congregation committed to forming disciples, serving the local community, and equipping leaders for God's work in the world. We value thoughtful faith, authentic relationships, and the integration of belief and practice.

For questions or application information, please contact: sherip@ljpres.org