



CAMPUS GRAD AND INTERNATIONALS (CGI) LINK

July 29, 2023

Ministry Role

This position exists to deepen the existing relationship between Purdue graduate & international students and Covenant Church in such a way that grad and international students are brought into relationship with one another, with the Covenant church family, with Covenant's life and ministries, and ultimately with Jesus.

The Covenant CGI Link is a 20-30 hour position, with the possibility of a full-time position if it is combined with a complimentary role with an existing campus ministry (such as Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, The Navigators, or Cru) on the Purdue campus.

Core Areas of Responsibility

- Connect with Purdue international students: Plan and carry out outreach initiatives on campus to meet students and create a link with Covenant Church.
- Integrate international students into the Covenant family: Plan and carry out welcoming initiatives at Covenant, inviting and welcoming grad and international students.
- Disciple and equip students for the unique challenges of following Jesus in the academic world: Foster Christ-centered community for international students and scholars through the World Welcome ministry and other gatherings which provide a safe setting in which to build relationships, explore the Christian faith, grow as a follower of Christ, and connect with the wider church family. Provide one-on-one mentoring/discipleship of individual international students.

Additional Areas of Responsibility

- Recruit and equip ministry volunteers
- Provide regular ministry plans and updates
- As time and opportunity allow, to connect with, encourage, build community with, and equip Purdue faculty members in all of the above ways

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Spiritual Gifts, Qualities, Experiences and Skills Required

- Vital relationship with Christ
- Solid interpersonal skills and relational health, warmth, and maturity
- Sensitivity to issues of cross-cultural communication and inclusion; effective and sensitive inter-cultural communicator
- Experience in guiding a diverse student population and discipling them toward greater maturity in Christ and into deeper engagement in the life of the local church
- Reach beyond oneself (a heart for the world and a heart for the lost)
- Ability to share faith graciously and effectively
- Learning orientation/teachable/humble
- Takes initiative, a self-starter
- Effective recruiting/selection/leading of volunteers and staff
- A heart for hospitality
- Organizational skills (calendar/planning, regular and timely communication, etc.)
- Participation in weekly worship services / World Welcome at Covenant Church

Education, Business and Technical Knowledge Required

- Bachelor's degree minimum; graduate or postgraduate study strongly preferred
- Basic email and word processing skills
- Adept with current social media platforms

Supervision

The staff member will report primarily to the Director of Outreach at Covenant (currently the Senior Pastor), and secondarily to his or her campus ministry supervisor if the position is a joint one.

To apply

Submit a cover letter and résumé to Elizabeth Hartley, executive assistant, ehartley@covenantepc.org

Overview

Covenant Church, a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, is a Christ-centered and biblically-based community. The Church views its mission and calling, to love Jesus, love His people, and pour out His love on the World, as an expression of the community's constant process of growing as followers of Christ.

Covenant's expression of faith is in its identity statement: Covenant Church - His people. His kingdom. His glory.

The church community is made up of approximately 800 people, situated near the campus of Purdue University and includes participants with diverse intellectual and ethnic backgrounds. Covenant places ministry emphases on intentional spiritual formation, telling others about Jesus in Greater Lafayette, our country and our world, practical support of at-risk children, and strong relationships among its people.