**Internships at Yale Divinity School**

Internships prepares degree candidates for leadership in the church and the world by engaging them in student-centered experiential learning and theological reflection on the nature, practice and context of ministry and/or service. It also provides a foundation and inspiration for continuing theological reflection, ongoing discernment, and lifelong learning.

The vocational directions of our students and graduates differ in often surprising ways. Hence YDS takes a student-centered approach. The student leads the process of exploration and selection of a site—whether from a list of actively engaged sites with whom prior students have interned before or finding a new site that better meets the student’s goals for learning.

There are three ways a student may participate in the YDS Internship Program:

1. First Internship in a church or non-profit site (summer or academic year) $5000 stipend/6 credits
2. Advanced Internship in a church or non-profit site (summer or academic year) $5000 stipend/3 credits – students must finish a First Internship in order to participate.
3. CPE unit – which is funded through work-study and offers transfer credits (summer or academic year, depending on the program) $5000 work-study support/6 transfer credits

There are three essential components to any internship at Yale Divinity School:

1. Meaningful work on site.
2. A supervisor qualified to oversee and mentor that work.
3. Regular meetings with a group of peers, also doing internships, in a setting where they can safely explore their experiences as spiritual and professional formation.

Other important information:

* Credit for one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) can transfer as 6 elective credit hours and can fulfill the MDiv degree internship requirement.
* YDS provides a $5000 stipend to students engaged in an internship. $5000 is also provided for CPE students albeit via work study funds.
* First year students cannot participate in an internship until they have completed two full-time or part-time semesters of academic enrollment (either at YDS or transferring in from another institution).
* Internship credits are capped at 15 – 6 credits for a first internship, 6 transfer credits for CPE, and 3 credits for an advanced internship. Students are eligible for funding for **all three internship opportunities,** with a total support amount of $15,000.

**These options are for both church/chaplaincy and for non-profit /justice internships.**

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| **Internship type** | **Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)** | **First Internship** | **Advanced Internship** |
| **Brief description** | A formal training program in providing pastoral care in institutional settings, typically hospitals, but also nursing homes, prisons or hospices.  Total 400h on site, including educational practicums.  YDS provides educational support, 6 transfer credits, and a stipend of $5000. | A supervised internship at a church, campus ministry, non-profit, school, prison, or any other site that meets the site requirements.  Total 400h of site work, including educational practicums.  YDS provides educational support, 6 elective credits, and a stipend of $5000. | An opportunity *after the First Internship* to continue at site or work at any other site that meets site requirements.  Total 300h of site work, including educational practicums.  YDS provides educational support, 3 elective credits, and a stipend of $5000. |
| **Internship hours** | Total 400 hours completed in the form of either   A) Academic part time (roughly 15h/week over 2 semesters) or   B) Summer full time (roughly 40h/week for 10 weeks over June-August).  Hours include educational practicums as arranged by site. | Total 400 hours completed in the form of either   A) Academic part time (roughly 15h/week over 2 semesters) or   B) Summer full time (roughly 40h/week for 10 weeks over June-August).  Hours include 370h of work at site or remote, and 30h of educational practicums | Total *300* *hours* completed in the form of either   A) Academic part time (roughly 10h/week over 2 semesters) or   B) Summer full time (roughly 40h/week for 8 weeks over June-August).  Hours include 270h of work at site or remote, and 30h of educational practicums |
| **YDS stipend** | $5000 | $5000 | $5000 |
| **YDS credits** | 6 transfer credits | 6 elective credits | 3 elective credits |
| **Site application** | Student identifies and applies according to instructions and sites listed on [www.acpe.edu](http://www.acpe.edu). | Student identifies and applies to any sites meeting site requirements;   YDS supports with a list of past internship sites, process guidance, and final approval on site requirements | As with First Internship, at the same or a different site. |
| **Deadlines** | Rolling admission until full.  A) Academic part time: Apr-Aug  B) Summer: Sep-Feb  Funding application to YDS before start of work. | A) Academic part time:  Apply to sites before April 15.  Decision by April 24.  B) Summer:  Apply to sites before April 1**.**  Decision by mid-April. | As with First Internship |
| **Tuition** | Set by site, usually around $800. | Tuition for academic year rolled into class schedule. Summer full time internship entails tuition for 3 hrs. YDS scholarship apply. | Tuition for academic year rolled into class schedule. Summer full time internship entails tuition for 3 hrs. YDS scholarship apply. |