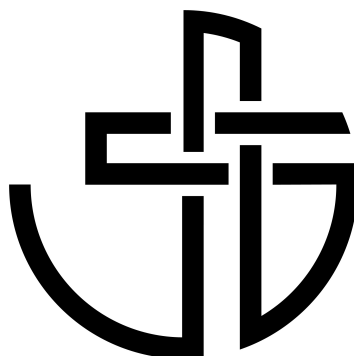


# World Communion of Reformed Churches



## INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

2015-2016

## APPLICATION FORM

**Applicants**, please read the following information carefully and answer all questions in this form, then send the completed application, a curriculum vitae (résumé) and letter of motivation to the office of your national church (*must be a WCRC member church*) for endorsement. The head of your national church should endorse the application and send it to the address listed below before **29 August 2015**.

**Endorsed applications should be sent preferably by email to:**

The General Secretary  
Rev Chris Ferguson  
World Communion of Reformed Churches  
Knochenhauerstr. 42  
30159 Hannover, Germany  
**Email: [gs@wcrce.eu](mailto:gs@wcrce.eu)**  
(Fax: + 49-511-8973-8311)

## **WCRC Internship Programme**

Called to communion and committed to justice, the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) has an internship opportunity for a highly qualified person who is interested in gaining valuable experience working with an international ecumenical organization. The internship will be for 12 months in the WCRC offices in Hannover, Germany, beginning in the fall of 2015.

This opportunity is open to individuals aged 30 or younger, including ministers, seminarians in the senior years or Christian professionals with interest in working for their churches or the ecumenical movement at any level.

### **Qualifications**

- Member of a WCRC member church (including associate and affiliate members) identified as having potential for a future leadership role for the church.
- Interest in Reformed identity, Christian unity, justice in the world and ecumenical engagement.
- Ability to work in the English language, read at least one of French, Spanish, German. Bahasa Indonesian or Korean would be a strong asset.
- Ability to work in a multicultural team.

### **Key areas of responsibility and learning**

An internship is essentially a learning experience. However, it is a genre of learning in which the interns bring a high quality of gifts which they put at the disposal of the organization and through practice gain new skills and abilities to apply their gifts in the setting of an internship with minds on applying them in their home countries. Therefore the intern will be assigned tasks that s/he will be expected to perform at a high level.

The intern will be provided with a range of experiences within the WCRC, working closely with both of the programme offices, as well as the general secretariat. The specific areas of work are as follows:

#### *1. Theology, Mission, Communion and Ecumenical Engagement*

Under the supervision of the Executive Secretary for Theology, Mission and Communion, the intern will be engaged in studies in Reformed identity and theology, mission, ecumenical engagement, bilateral dialogues with other Christian world communions, interfaith dialogue and other related areas. The intern will also be involved in how churches engage in mission relevant to the 21st century. In addition, the intern will also be assigned tasks that involve her/him in mission in unity, mission reinterpretation and mission empowerment.

#### *2. Justice and Partnership (including economic, climate, gender and racial justice)*

Under the supervision of the Executive Secretary for Justice and Partnership, the intern will be doing work related to justice in the economy and the earth, gender justice and the inclusion of young people in

the life of church and society. While bringing gifts of commitment to justice issues, the intern will experience first hand what can be done by an ecumenical organization such as the WCRC to stimulate churches in their responding to the call to be prophetic instruments of transformation in their communities. How the Accra Confession is received and utilized and how the WCRC works with partner churches to build communities of justice will be an important part of this engagement and learning. The intern will be involved in planning and executing consultations and publications related to this area.

### *3. Communicating the World Communion of Reformed Churches*

Under the supervision of WCRC's Executive Secretary for Communications, the intern will be exposed to a wide variety of 21st century communication tools both virtual and print. Work will be done on the WCRC's website and monthly electronic newsletter, through its social media presence and with its print publications. While giving her/his gifts in these areas, the intern will be learning the effective use of these communication tools within the ecumenical movement at all levels.

The intern will also have a chance to learn from the rich resources in the WCRC office about the interface between theology and justice.

#### **Dates**

The internship programme will start in the fall of 2015 and last for a calendar year. The intern should be available for a one-year period beginning in Hannover, Germany, in October or November (with the specific date to be agreed upon). The intern is then expected to be active within her/his home church in the months after finishing the internship. Post-internship home-church activities will include speaking about the intern's experiences with the WCRC.

#### **Location**

The internship will take place in the offices of the World Communion of Reformed Churches in Hannover, Germany. Travel to consultations, dialogues or other meetings as possible.

#### **Cost**

The cost of the internship will be shared between the World Communion of Reformed Churches and the intern or the intern's home church. The internship programme is sponsored by the Evangelische Missionswerk (EWM). As such, the majority of expenses are covered (including travel, housing, medical coverage and a small stipend). However, interns are asked to raise some of their own funds, either through their home church or via individual sponsorships. Interns and/or their churches that genuinely will not be able to contribute to this or will be able to contribute only a fraction will not be at a disadvantage in the selection process.

# Interns' Programme Application Form 2015-2016

(Please type or write all answers clearly)  
The application deadline is 29 August 2015



**1. Names**

Family name .....

First name(s) .....

Church membership .....

**2. Contact information**

Postal address name .....

Street number and PO Box .....

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City or Town ..... Province or State .....

Postal or Zip code ..... Country .....

Telephone (country code/city code/number) .....

Fax (country code/city code/number) .....

Email .....

**3. Date of birth** (day/month/year) ..... / ..... / .....

**4. Nationality** .....

**5. Gender**                      Female..... Male.....

**6. Marital Status**    Single..... Married.....

**7. Occupation** (if student, which field) .....

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**8. What is your mother tongue?** .....

**9. WCRC operates in four official languages. Please mark with an "X" to indicate**

- the languages you **speak**
- the languages you **understand**
- the languages you **read**

	English	French	German	Spanish
<b>Speak</b>				
<b>Understand</b>				
<b>Read</b>				

**10. Do you speak any other language than the ones in questions 8 and 9?** .....

**IMPORTANT: Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:**

- A. Why are you interested in the ecumenical movement?
- B. Why are you interested in being an Intern of the WCRC?
- C. Describe yourself in five sentences.
- D. What gifts and competencies will you bring to the internship?

**IMPORTANT: Please read and sign the following declaration:**

1. I understand that the WCRC, through a grant from EMW, will provide me with housing, medical insurance and a small stipend to cover living expenses. I understand that I (or my church) will be asked to cover a part of these expenses, including those for travel between my home country and Germany.
  
2. Please check one of the following:
  - I am able to pay for my entire return travel cost (airfare) to Germany.
  
  - I request a partial subsidy for my travel cost (airfare) to Germany and I am prepared to contribute .....
  
  - I am unable to contribute anything to my airfare to Germany and request a full subsidy for my international travel.
  
  - I/my church will be able to raise ..... (enter amount) to contribute towards the internship.
  
3. I confirm that I will work as a full time intern in Germany for 12 months and commit to speaking about the WCRC to my home church after the completion of my internship.

**Signature** .....

**Date** .....

**IMPORTANT: Please follow this endorsement process**

The head of your national church must endorse this application. When you have answered all of the above questions send this form to the office of your national church, requesting that it be endorsed by the head of your church (often called the General Secretary, Moderator, President, Stated Clerk, Synod Clerk, Bishop, etc.). The office of your national church must then send your application to the General Secretary of the WCRC.

**Endorsement by** .....

**Position** .....

**Church** .....

**Date** .....

**Remember to include a curriculum vitae (résumé) and letter of motivation.  
Only fully completed and endorsed applications will be considered.**