

What is the Houston Fellows Initiative?

The Houston Fellows Initiative, hosted by local churches, is a nine-month Christian leadership development training program and internship for young college graduates, and other emerging leaders, who seek to build Christ's Kingdom in their future vocations. This work and study program has grown out of an awareness that many college graduates would love to have a period when they are mentored pre-professionally before choosing either graduate school or a particular vocation. Many also feel underdeveloped theologically and philosophically and desire the spiritual development necessary to become part of the next generation of Christ-centered leaders, both in the marketplace and in ministry. There will be two tracks from which to choose: a standard track and an accredited academic track, for which students can obtain six hours of Masters-level course credit that can be transferred upon completion of the program.



The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. Frederick Buechner

Testimonies about the Program

My life was lost and hopeless. I had no faith and was stuck in a rut. I was searching but attributed the value of my existence based on my work. Through the Fellows Program, I found hope, I found salvation and I was given Hope and Purpose. I found a community I can trust and most importantly I found Jesus... I still have struggles from time to time, but always have Him to turn to. Mike G.

Before the Fellows Program I knew I felt a strong call to ministry, but I wasn't sure how to integrate ministry into my life, and I didn't really believe that God could use me. I felt very inadequate to serve. During the Program I developed relationships in which I was encouraged and challenged. I was given responsibility in ministry both through the youth ministry and my work with the young adults ministry. These responsibilities gave me the opportunity to see God work through me like I had never seen before. It gave me confidence in who God knew I was and created me to be. I gained a better sense of the gifts God gave me and to what unique purpose I could use those gifts. Jen G.

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EXPLORE YOUR FAITH.
DEVELOP YOUR POTENTIAL.

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Who are we looking for?

Recent college graduates and other emerging leaders

Sound academic and leadership record

Teachable spirit and high moral character

Lively Christian faith

Excellent interpersonal relationship skills

Yearly Schedule

September 14th/kickoff dinner
September 15th/program begins
October 1-3/Renovare Conference
Early November/community service weekend with Center for Student Missions
Thanksgiving week off (Wed-Sun)
Dec 20-Jan 4/Christmas break
January/foreign mission trip
May 11/graduation

Typical Weekly Schedule

Monday-Thursday

Theology courses and work at internship; weekly roundtable discussion

Friday

Bible study and seminars with Houston-area Christian leaders

Saturday

Free time; community service projects

Sunday

Free time; worship and service in host church

God used the Fellows Program ministry to change my thinking about his church and to give me a new knowledge of what the Holy Spirit can do through a believer to glorify God. In the program I made amazing friends that I shared everything with for those amazing nine months. We laughed together at meals and nights out at coffeehouses, and cried during times of sadness or when walls that had been put up as a defense against past issues were broken by the power of God. I was able to see more clearly that God had a plan and direction for my life in service to Christ. I stay in contact with most of my friends that I made in the Program and seeing them is a constant reminder of what a blessing it was for me and my faith. I pray that more young lives will be touched by this ministry and the great men and women of faith that lead it.

Zach M.

Mentor Relationship

Each Fellow is matched with a mature Christian mentor with whom he or she has regular personal contact. The mentors help support and guide the Fellows as they progress through the program.

Financial Aspects

The program cost is \$3,500 for the standard track or \$6,500 for the academic track with Masters-level course credit. To enhance growth in your Christ-centered life and minimize expenses, each Fellow can be housed with a family or in a garage apartment. Room and board is supplemented and given to the Fellows as a gift of stewardship by church families. Basic living expenses are covered by the part-time wages the Fellows earn in their job setting. Fellows are responsible for their own car and health insurance. Before entering the program each Fellow is required to raise funds to help meet the costs related to courses, retreats, study materials, and other items integral to the program.

