

Foundations Internship is a program which will give all PYV leaders basic training in biblical youth ministry. It has been designed not only to be a more thorough preparation for participation in PYV's camping ministry, but also to equip you as a leader in your local church's youth ministry.



## What does it involve?

Foundations Internship is 6 months' worth of participation. It involves 5 basic components:

### 1. Summer Camp – Intensive stream:

During Summer Camp (27<sup>th</sup> Dec - 1<sup>st</sup> Jan), Foundations Interns will complete an Australian College of Theology course in either OT, NT or Christian Belief. In addition to this there will be a two-hour Ministry skills session each day of camp, where leaders will learn about personal devotions, how to write a small group study, how to give an evangelistic talk as well as mentoring and discipleship.

### 2. Distance learning

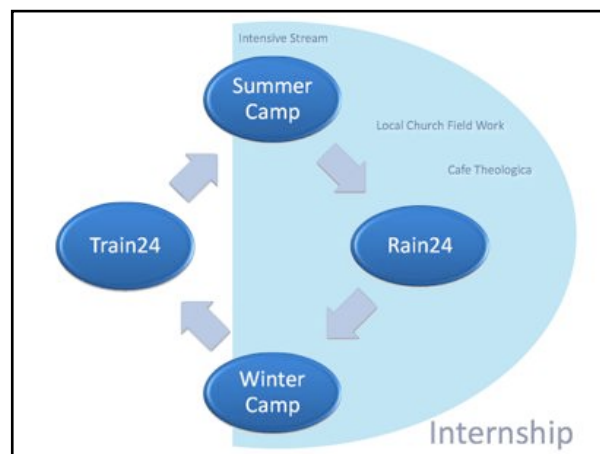
Interns will complete one subject on practical ministry. We recommend that this is one of the "Cafe Theologica" distance CDs. Alternatively, leaders may apply to attend equivalent training such as a PTC short course.

### 3. Lay Ministries Field Education:

Leaders will complete 50 hours of youth ministry in their home church. This will include at least 5 hours reflecting and praying with a local church mentor.

### 4. Rain24 weekend:

On this weekend in late May, leaders will learn some of the specifics of being part of PYV's team as they prepare for leading on Winter Camp.



### 5. Winter Camp:

Leaders will assist with leading a small group on either Senior or Junior Camp. A graduation & commissioning service will be held during camp to celebrate the completion of the internship.

## Do I have to do exams?

No, all of the assessment is optional. Foundations interns have the opportunity to complete half of the requirements for a nationally recognised Certificate in Theology. However, this assessment is not required in order to be a PYV leader.

## Am I too busy?

The time commitment required by the Internship will depend on a number of factors, such as the amount of assessment that you do, and the level of involvement you have in your local church. The absolute minimum would be about 65 hours (in addition to the camps and training weekends). Over six months, this is about 2.5 hours per week, *including* your involvement in your local youth ministry.

On the other hand, to do all the assessment, you could expect to spend 2 hours per week *in addition* to your local church youth ministry.

## What if I've already...?

We won't insist that Interns repeat training that they have done previously. Talk to the PYV Youth Worker about which elements of Foundations Internship will be essential to your development in youth ministry.

## Does it cost?

Interns will pay the regular fee for Summer Camp, and the leaders fee for Winter Camp. The cost of all assessment will be paid by the leaders' home church.

## How do I apply?

All interns must be approved by both PYV and their local church.

### If you are not already a PYV leader:

Go to [pyv.org.au](http://pyv.org.au), click on “leadership application” and follow the steps.

If you are already a PYV leader, and want to complete certain elements of Foundations Internship please email [training@pyv.org.au](mailto:training@pyv.org.au) or call PYV office on (03) 9017 4676 to discuss the opportunities.

In order to allow time for PYV to liaise with your local church leadership before Summer Camp, you should aim to have your application completed by **August 31<sup>st</sup>**.

