

Forge Internships in 2007

Forge is now in its 10th year of training first world missionaries in Australia, and its 4th here in Western Australia.

Over that time we have been regularly refining and re-shaping our training processes to recognise local needs. The program for 2007 is the result of our learning in the local setting over the last 3 years and we believe it will be the most effective yet.

Internship Streams

Interns are encouraged to choose a 'stream' that reflects their own context and life situation as this will shape some of what is learnt within the internship. Some will have specific leadership responsibilities while others will simply be trying to discover more of what it means to live as missionaries in a western context.

1. Personal Missionary Lifestyle & Formation

This stream is for those who are seeking to reshape their own life and practices to reflect missionary priorities. You are not required to be in a leadership position but you will need to demonstrate close engagement in the lives of those who are not Christians as this will form of the basis of your missional interaction.

2. Pioneering Leadership / Church Planting

This stream is specifically for those either leading or involved with new missional communities. It will focus on the issues that are of concern to pioneering leaders and developing faith communities.

3. Missional Leadership in the Established Church

This stream is suited to those who are leaders in an established church setting and who are seeking to develop a stronger missional orientation in that environment. It will take into account the specific issues and complexities that face local church leaders who wish to lead missionally.

Components of a Forge Internship

The 'Forge Year' runs from February – November and involves the following components:

1. **Intensives:** There are three intensives conducted over the course of the year and interns are required to be present at each of them.

- Intensive 1** **Re-imagining Missional Paradigms**
Fri March 9th – Tues 13th In 2007 the first intensive coincides with the National Summit so it is expected that all interns will travel to Melbourne for the whole time and participate in this event.
- Intensive 2** **Discipleship, Spirituality and Sustainability**
Fri July 20th – Mon Jul 23rd
- Intensive 3** **Pioneering Leadership**
Fri Oct 19th – Mon Oct 22nd

Intensives are compulsory for all interns and you must attend at least 80% of the classes in each intensive to complete the internship.

- 2. Coaching:** Each intern will be allocated a competent trained coach who will meet with you at least once a month. It is in the coaching sessions that significant learning occurs as you reflect on your experience within the missional setting. Interns are also required to attend Forge coaching days with their coaches. We are consciously seeking to develop a pool of quality coaches with a shared experience of training.

Interns must participate in at least 90% of the required coaching sessions to complete the internship.

- 3. Intern Gatherings:** Interns meet *weekly* during school terms with each other and the WA Forge Director (and sometimes other Forge staff) for a time of encouragement, sharing learning and support. This is an important time and allows interns to learn from one another and support each other.

Interns must participate in at least 80% of the intern's gatherings to complete the internship.

- 4. Missional Placement:** At the core of the Forge experience is a hands on experience in a challenging missional placement. Ideally it will be a placement that you have created, however it is also possible to allocate you a placement in an existing context. You are required to spend 1 – 2 days per week in your own missional setting.

Interns must demonstrate significant involvement in a missional context to complete the internship.

- 5. Coaching Development**

There are 3 coaching development days held over the course of the year. These are requirements for both coaches and interns.

Interns must participate in at least 2 coaching development days to complete the internship.

Requirements of a Forge Internship

To complete a Forge Internship, interns must demonstrate a significant commitment to the learning process. This involves:

Attendance Component:

- 80% attendance at all 3 intensives
- 80% attendance at weekly intern gatherings
- 90% of required coaching hours
- 2 out of the 3 coaching development days

Written Work component

- Completion of all required assignments and reading reflections
- Regular entries in a learning journal

Missional Context Component

- Demonstration of significant involvement in a missional context

Note: The internship *cannot* be taken as a spare time activity as it requires a large commitment of time and energy. It is not recommended that anyone attempt to undertake the internship while engaged in full time work (outside of a church/mission setting)

To ensure continuity of learning and group cohesion, failure to fulfil these requirements in one term will result in an intern being unable to continue to the following term.

Overall objectives:

Understand shifts in western culture
Describe key aspects of a missionary lifestyle

Coaching Expectations:

Interns are to initiate coaching sessions and are responsible for fulfilling coaching requirements.

Missional lifestyle stream – at least monthly

Pioneering leadership stream – at least fortnightly

Mission in the Established Church stream – at least fortnightly

2007 Fee Schedule for Forge Interns

Listed below are the fees for enrolling as a Forge Intern in 2007.

The fees payable depend upon whether you are seeking accreditation and, if so with which college you choose to accredit. For those seeking accreditation with one of the partnering colleges, intensive fees are paid direct to the college itself. The college will then reimburse Forge for the intensive costs. Interns not seeking accreditation will pay **\$1450.00** in 2007.

Breakdown of Intern Funding

First Year Interns

Intensives	\$450.00	(\$150.00 x 3)
Admin / Services	\$500.00	
Coaching	\$500.00	(20 Sessions @ \$25.00)
Total	\$1450.00	

Early Payment Incentives for those not studying at .acom:

Payment by Feb 15th \$1350.00

Payment by July 18th \$1400.00.

Installment one by Feb 15th \$483.00

Installment two by Jul 18th \$483.00

Installment three by Nov 30th \$483.00

If a *non .acom* intern chooses not to complete the internship then a proportion of the Admin/services and coaching fee (\$1050.00) will be charged in accordance with the number of weeks in the Forge program. (The program runs from the start of Feb to mid December.)

Second Year Interns

In many cases, for someone who has begun the journey of missional leadership, a second year of coaching and action/reflection will be useful. We see this as an important option to actually support people in engaging mission practice.

This second year internship should have clearly stated parameters of being focussed on practical expression in the missional context. A second year internship cannot be done for credit through .acom at this stage.

Intensives	\$0.00	(all 2 nd years attend free)
Admin / Services	\$350.00	
Coaching	\$500.00	(20 Sessions @ \$25.00)
Total	\$850.00	

Payments

All payments should be made to Forge SU either by cheque or Visa Card. Contact Kent Morgan for more info on payment methods.

To sign up for an internship:

Step 1 – Read the prospectus and decide which ‘stream’ best describes your own life situation.

Step 2 – Call Andrew on 0400044236 or email hamo@forge.org.au to arrange an appointment to discuss what is involved.

Step 3 -