



## **Program Overview**

The JAXGAP is a 9-month internship program for Young Life in Central Jacksonville. The program is open to college graduates who are interested in full time Young Life Staff or for highly engaged volunteer leaders that want a Gap Year experience before pursuing their careers.

Over the course of the 9-month internship the hope is that selected applicants will experience all aspects of running a Young Life area, work directly with kids and be challenged to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. Jacksonville is the ideal location for the gap year because of our variety of ministries: Young Life, Multi-Ethnic, WyldLife, Young Life College, YoungLives and Capernaum.

*The JAXGAP starts in August 2019 and ends in May 2020.*

## **Qualifications**

- Must be a college graduate
- Previous leader experience in Young Life
- Deep and growing faith in Jesus
- Demonstrated written and verbal communication skills
- Proven leadership track record
- Adaptability
  - Agree to sign and adhere to the Young Life faith and conduct policy

## **Mission Statement**

*“The JAXGAP exists to invite, develop and encourage the future staff and leaders of Young Life.”*

*Ephesians 3:16-17: "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."*

## **Job Description**

Assist the Young Life Area Director with all aspects of running the area. Some of the responsibilities will include leading on a club team, leading a campaigner group, serving on the banquet team, running a social media account, attending camp trips and more. While working alongside the Area Director you will learn both spiritual and leadership development, along with fundraising, direct ministry and professional growth.

Interns will be assigned a volunteer leader position on a team in Central Jacksonville. You will be involved in running and planning club, committing to contact work, taking students to weekend camp and building relationships with the students to earn the right to share Jesus.

As an intern you will also be assigned a mentor and attend a weekly small group. Throughout the 9 months you will also go through Leadership and Spiritual Discipline training.

## **Fundraising**

Interns will be responsible for raising personal support. This is a crucial step as it is intended to prepare you well for pursuing full time staff. Keep in mind that to go on as a Staff Associate next year you will be required by most Young Life regions to personally raise \$25,000/year.

For the JAXGAP you will fundraise \$15,000. You are expected to have \$10,000 in the account by August and the remaining \$5,000 pledged. Those accepted as interns will receive ongoing coaching, support, and resource to achieve the funding milestone. Your monthly stipend will be \$1,200/month and the \$15,000 covers the funds for the Young Life Expedition part of the JAXGAP as well. (see below.)

## **Housing**

Young Life Central Jacksonville will provide housing for all interns. Transportation will not be provided.

## **Learning Outcomes**

At the end of the 9-month gap year the hope is for interns to have gained a solid understanding and vision for Young Life staff.

We hope through the JAXGAP young professionals will be fulfilled with knowledge, experience and vision to explore careers within and outside of Young Life. Through skill-building experiences the JAXGAP provides, interns should have a holistic view of Young Life and be better prepared to enter the workforce.

## **Expeditions Trip**

As a part of the JAXGAP you will go on a Young Life Expeditions trip to serve and experience the work Young Life is doing around the world. The funds for this trip are built into your personal support, approximately \$3,000.

We are very excited about this new opportunity. If you have any questions before you apply please email us at [JAXGAPYL@gmail.com](mailto:JAXGAPYL@gmail.com).

Thanks,

Zac West and the JAXGAP Team