

## Logistics

**Can I be married and do an internship?** Yes, but please know that housing becomes more of a challenge for a family.

**Can I leave my family at home and move to Southwest Harbor by myself for the internship?** N. Because of the duration of our internship, we believe that it would be unwise and detrimental to your marriage which takes priority over ministry.

**I'm not sure I want to be a pastor. Can I still do the internship?** We would discourage someone from applying. This internship is for those men who feel a calling into the ministry in Maine.

## Applying

**When should I apply?** Since our internship is a two year cycle and has no set starting and ending date, please contact Pastor Blake brown by email as to when the next internship is available at [bbrown@swhcc.com](mailto:bbrown@swhcc.com) .

**Is the SWHCC open to women?** Because the internship is for those interested in serving in pastoral ministry as elders, we do not provide internships for women.

**Where should I be in my education before doing the internship?** A college degree is usually expected for intern candidates. We do not demand that an intern has any formal theological training, although it is preferable.

**Are there similar internships to CHBC's that you would recommend?** Here are several excellent programs that we gladly commend to you: 1) The [Pastoral Residency](#) at Hinson Baptist Church, Portland, OR; 2) The [Pastoral Internship](#) at Del Ray Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA; 3) The [Pastoral Internship](#) at United Christian Church of Dubai; 4) The [Pastoral Internship](#) at Grace Baptist Church, Cape Coral, FL; 5) The [Pastoral Internship](#) at Christ Covenant Church, Baton Rouge, LA; 6) The [Pastoral Residency](#) at Emmaus Bible Church, Omaha, NE; 7) The [Pastoral Internship](#) at Addison Street Community Church, Chicago, IL; 8) The [Pastoral Internship](#) at Cornerstone Community Church in Jackson, TN; 9) The [Pastoral Residency](#) at Winchester Baptist Church, Winchester, VA; The [Capitol Hill Baptist Church](#) in Washington DC.

## Intern Life

**Is a stipend provided for the interns?** Each intern receives a stipend of \$40,000/year to cover all living expenses. We require each intern to have health insurance for himself (and his family, if applicable) throughout the duration of the internship.

**What is the intern housing like?** Housing is not provided and it is the responsibility of the intern to locate housing. We will, of course, help and guide as much as we can.

**Will I be able to work while doing the internship?** The intern program is a full-time commitment. By providing a stipend and housing, interns are freed up from working outside of

the church and can spend their time learning about and observing the church. However, spouses have supplemented with part-time income.

**Can I survive on \$40,000 in Maine?** We recognize that the stipend is fairly modest, but one can and many do live on that and less in Maine.

**Where can I send my children to school during the internship?** Interns are free to choose whichever educational option is best for their children, including public schools, a Classical Christian School in the area ([Mirus Academy](#)), or home schooling.

**Where does vacation fit in with the internship?** The intern will have three weeks every year for paid vacation

**How are interns involved in the church?** Interns are heavily involved in various ministries of the church as desire and giftedness allow.