Candler School of Theology
Candler Advantage Advanced Summer Internship in Congregational Leadership
Application for $8,000 Summer Grants
Application Deadline: Extended to February 12, 2016

Purpose: Candler Advantage is a program designed to allow students who have successfully completed Contextual Education I and II the opportunity for more intensive formation and experience in the practice of parish ministry. Students may apply to serve in a congregation of their choice.

Eligibility
Students who have successfully completed all of the requirements for Contextual Education I and II and are returning for a third year at Candler are eligible to participate. Students on academic probation or who have a hold on their Candler financial account are not eligible.

Participation Requirements:
1. Serve forty (40) hours a week in a supervised parish ministry setting for ten weeks during the summer.
2. Participate in a three day orientation seminar to be held May 11-13, 2016.
3. Participate in a one week reflection seminar to be held August 8-12, 2016.
4. Participate in an online reflection group throughout the summer.
5. Complete readings and written assignments as directed by the reflection group leaders.

Participating Students will receive:
1. An $8,000 grant that will be applied to the student’s Candler account for the Fall 2016 semester after the successful completion of the program on August 12, 2016.
2. Three academic credit hours that will count towards the Fall 2016 semester.
3. The opportunity for deeper formation in the practice of ministry.
4. On-site supervision and mentoring and intentional reflection group experience.
5. In-depth financial management instruction and counseling.
Application Instructions:

1. Essay
Write a 2-3 page essay on the ministry experience you hope to further explore during this summer internship. The essay should include your vocational goals, the particular skills for ministry you intend to practice/experience, the specific issues of ministry that you intend to explore, the specific responsibilities you will have at your parish site, and the reason(s) why you have chosen this particular congregation in which to deepen your leadership experience. Your essay should also include your written agreement to participate in the three day orientation seminar in May and the weeklong August reflection seminar. Essays should be written in 12 point Times New Roman font, double-spaced with 1” margins on all four sides. Please submit an electronic copy to alice.rogers@emory.edu.

2. Letter from Pastor
Include a letter from the pastor who will serve as your site mentor. The letter should indicate your site mentor’s agreement to serve as your supervising pastor, the kind of supervision that will be provided, the church’s agreement to host you as a summer intern, and your site mentor’s understanding of the learning experience you hope to explore.

3. Application
Send your essay, letter from pastor, and completed application form (below) and submit it no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 12, 2016 to: alice.rogers@emory.edu. Late applications will not be considered.

A faculty committee will read the essays and choose the final participants by early March 2016.

Questions may be directed to Dr. P. Alice Rogers at alice.rogers@emory.edu.
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Student Information

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________

Phone Number ________________________ Student ID# _________________________

Email Address __________________________________________________________

Contextual Education I Site ______________________________________________

Contextual Education II Site ______________________________________________

Faculty Advisor’s Name _________________________________________________

Church Information

Church Name ____________________________________________________________

Church Address __________________________________________________________

Church Phone ____________________________________________________________

Church Email and/or website ______________________________________________

Denomination __________________________ Number of Members ________________

Church Type: Urban ○ Suburban ○ Rural○ Small Town○

Amount of funding provided by the church ____________________________________

Site Mentor _____________________________________________________________

(This person will supervise your work onsite)

Site Mentor’s Email Address ______________________________________________

Site Mentor’s Phone Number ______________________________________________

Deadline for application is 4:00 p.m. February 12, 2016
Dear Pastor,

Candler School of Theology at Emory University is committed to the formation of students preparing for congregational leadership. Each Candler student completes two years of Contextual Education as part of that formation in which they serve one year in a clinical or social ministry setting and a second year in an ecclesial setting. This service is supervised by site mentors and deepened through peer Reflection Groups in which students engage in contextual analysis and theological reflection on their practice of ministry.

Six years ago, Candler added another component to this practical experience through a program called the “Candler Advantage Advanced Summer Internship in Congregational Leadership.” This program allows students to experience ecclesial ministry more deeply by working forty hours a week for ten weeks in a setting they have identified as a place for deeper formation. Candler offers the students chosen for this program a stipend, three credit hours, a May seminar that prepares students for the summer, an August seminar that provides students space for reflection on their learning experience and an online reflection seminar that the students participate in throughout the summer.

The Candler student who has approached you about this opportunity is seeking a place where he or she can spend the summer of 2016 for the purpose of deepening their skills for ministry, focusing more clearly their vocation for ministry, and working with a pastor/mentor who is willing to supervise their work and engage in conversation about life as a full-time minister. This student will prepare an application in which he or she will identify the area of ministry s/he hopes to explore more deeply and how that work will be possible at your congregation.

If this student is chosen to participate in the summer program, you will be asked to receive them fully into your congregation and community, supervise their work, and write a narrative evaluation at the end of the summer. Because all of our funds go to provide student stipends for this important work, we do not have the funds to bring you to campus for an orientation to this work. It is our hope that your supervision will reflect your desire to form future leaders for the church and world.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me by phone or email. My office number is 404-634-3936 and my email is alice.rogers@emory.edu. Thank you for your consideration of this student and program.

Sincerely,

P. Alice Rogers
Associate Professor in the Practice of Practical Theology
Senior Pastor, Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church