

Sisters Chapel Spellman College Internship

Sisters Chapel the religious and spiritual center of Spelman College. Located in the history Atlanta University Center, Spelman College is the top-ranked historically Black college in the United States, and offers an unparalleled liberal arts education to Black women since 1881. Dedicated in 1927, Sisters Chapel has become a transformative space for thinking women of faith who seek to integrate the mind and the spirit as they engage the world and become global leaders. In fulfillment of the Spelman mission, for almost a century, the Chapel has hosted renowned national and world leaders who have helped to nurture generations of Spelman women for leadership and service. The Chapel has also been a sacred space for music, healing, inspiration, and reflection, serving as a memorial site in 1968, where the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lay in state for 48 hours. Sisters Chapel embodies both a history and 21st century spirituality of resistance and resilience that encourages women across the world to stand in solidarity with each other on behalf of equality and justice.

As the center for human flourishing and ethical leadership development, the Dean of the Chapel supported by Student Chapel Assistants and Art Ministry Leaders, offers a weekly Sunday worship service held at 11:00 a.m. in Sisters Chapel. Worship services are supported by praise singers, spoken word artists, musicians, and African, Mime, and Liturgical dancers. Sermons encourage students to grow spiritually and to think critically about personal identity formation, international affairs, social change, ethical leadership, young adulthood and faith. In addition, student leaders provide words of encouragement and wisdom during our Sunday student expressions and campus ministry worship services.

Sisters Chapel is currently offering three seminary internship opportunities.

1. Liturgical Experimentation

This internship focuses on the process of planning and implementing vibrant worship in our weekly Chapel services. The ideal candidate will possess a keen interest in the intersections between African-American liturgical traditions, and African-American millennial identities. This person will work closely with the Dean of the Chapel, the Chapel Assistants, and the student arts ministries to imagine and create worship that integrates themes of social justice, African-American culture and history, and spiritual resilience. Ideally, this intern will be present for Sunday morning chapel (which typically lasts for an hour), and a weekly planning and debriefing meeting.

2. Culture of Inclusion

This internship focuses on nurturing a culture of inclusion for the LGBTQIA+ students in the life of Sisters Chapel. The ideal candidate will possess an understanding of queer theologies, and histories of marginalization in the Black Church. This intern will work with the Dean of the Chapel on the creation of spaces and programs specifically for spiritually nurturing the Spelman queer community, and ensuring that Sunday morning worship is inclusive.

3. Social Media and Digital Messaging

This internship focuses on cultivating a Sister's Chapel online presence that is congruent with our mission and spirit. The ideal candidate will possess a working knowledge of social media platforms, such as Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, and a theological understanding of how such platforms

can connect houses of worship to surrounding communities. The intern will work with the Dean of the Chapel to develop visual schematics and a social media strategy for Sisters Chapel worship and programming.

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