

Summer Service Internship FAQ

Do I have to have prior community service experience to participate in the Summer Service Internship Program?

No – all Xavier students (who are enrolled in Spring 2026 and will be enrolled in Fall 2026) are eligible to apply, regardless of previous service experience!

To participate, do I have to live in the housing provided to Summer Service interns?

Yes – all interns live in housing provided by SSI. A key part of the program is all of the interns living together in an intentional community setting and building community by spending quality time together. This provides a built-in support network, and is also really fun!

What is the time commitment? How much time will I work? How much time am I expected to spend with the intern community?

The Summer Service Internship Program is a FULL TIME commitment! Because of this, we do not allow interns to have other commitments during the program (i.e. no other jobs, no taking classes, etc. during the program). You will work 35 hours/week in a non-profit community organization, and will spend approximately 4 evenings per week and 7 out of 9 weekends with your fellow interns. Move-in is May 17; move out by July 25.

Do I have to have a car to participate?

While it is helpful to have a vehicle, we help interns find workable metro bus routes, set up carpools with other interns and even offer a few sites that are walking/biking distance from Xavier. Interns are not required to have a car.

This is a paid internship – how much are interns paid?

Each intern works about 7 hours/day (35hrs/week) for 42 days (from May 26 – July 24; FYI – training runs May 18- 22). Interns are paid \$15.00/hr. This means that each intern, over the course of the summer, has the potential to earn \$4,725 before taxes. Additionally, interns are provided with housing and a community living stipend during the internship.

What community organizations could I work with over the summer?

The Summer Service Internship Program is currently in the process of selecting community partner organizations for this summer. However, you can view a list of previous community organizations at the bottom of our website:

<https://www.xavier.edu/cfj/service-justice/summer-service-internship-program2>

How does the selection process work?

There are 2 stages in the selection process. The first stage is group interviews, and the second stage is Community Organization Interviews (see details and dates below).

1. Group Interviews: Candidates will be chosen to move forward into the second stage.
2. Community Organization Interviews: Candidates must be available for either 6-9pm April 1 or 3rdThurs, . Each candidate will interview with 5 community organizations. Of about 25 students who will interview, 14 will be selected and matched with a community organization where they will work full-time.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

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