



Youth Ministry Initiative

YMI Fellows Application

YMI's MISSION

To nurture authentic human flourishing within the life of the church by enhancing, supporting, and connecting transformative youth ministries.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Youth Ministry Initiative (“YMI”) Fellows and Coaching Program combines coaching for “YMI Site Partners” that are passionate about growing and improving a transformative relational youth ministry and training and robust support for “YMI Fellows” who are passionate about ministering with and to youth.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Each YMI Site Partner will commit to a YMI Coaching Partnership and to collaborating with YMI to develop core youth ministry values identified as the “YMI Way.”
- Each YMI Fellow will commit to participate in the activities of the YMI Fellowship and to adhere to their employment contract with a YMI Site Partner.

EXPECTATIONS and REQUIREMENTS FOR YMI FELLOWS

- Complete YMI Fellowship application and interview
- Demonstrate a passionate commitment to ministering with and to youth
- Apply to and be accepted by a YMI Site Partner as a Fellow/employee
- Adhere to administrative duties (e.g. submitting timesheets to YMI Site Supervisor on time, completing mid-year and final evaluations, etc.)
- Serve a minimum of 12 hours of relational youth ministry per week
- Serve a minimum of 5 outreach/contact hours per month (included within the 12 weekly hours of relational youth ministry)
- Attend the weekly YMI Fellowship Practicum (1 hour)-community building, theological reflections, training and development.
- Attend the monthly YMI Lecture Series
- Participate in monthly advising meetings with YMI Associate Director(s)
- Participate in weekly mentoring/planning meetings with YMI Site Partners Supervisors

- Participate regularly in the YMI Site Partner community outside of regularly scheduled youth programming (Sunday worship, Site Partner-wide activities, etc.)
- Participate in a two-day orientation prior to the start of the program (August/September)
- Participate in a one-day, mid-year training day (January)
- Complete the Negotiating Boundaries seminar at YDS during the 1st semester

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Name _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Graduation Year _____ Denomination _____

Are you currently participating in an ordination process? If yes, please indicate the name of your judicatory and your status within the process.

Do you discern a call to youth ministry or are you open to such a call? Please describe your sense of call to ministering to youth. (If you need additional space, please add your response as an attachment to this application.)

In addition to filling in the responses on this side of the application, please attach your resume and complete the following tasks: 1) Review the YMI program description on our website at <http://youthministryinitiative.org>; and 2) read the article “The Twin Calamities” posted on our website. Upon acceptance into the program you will be asked to read and sign the YMI “Covenant of Participation.”

Please return to Allison Van Rhee at the Yale Center for Faith & Culture, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511 and/or by email to allison.vanrhee@yale.edu