Dear Prospective Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in being an Intern for the University of Toledo’s Center for Religious Understanding. Here are some details about the Center and the role of an Intern for you to review as you consider your involvement.

**What is the Center for Religious Understanding?**

The Center for Religious Understanding is an outreach program housed within the University of Toledo’s Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies.

- Its **mission** is to promote a comprehensive understanding of religion on campus, in the larger regional community, and beyond.
- This mission is accomplished through three **objectives**: facilitating creative education about religion, fostering inter-religious dialogue, and increasing national and/or local research on religion and related fields.
- The **long-term vision** of the Center is to promote peace, produce more informed global citizens, contribute to personal fulfillment and serve as a force for social cohesion.

For more, see our webpage at [www.utoledo.edu/llss/philosophy/cfru](http://www.utoledo.edu/llss/philosophy/cfru), or our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/utoledocfru](http://www.facebook.com/utoledocfru).

**What does it mean to be an Intern of the Center?**

Thanks to the generous donation of area religious groups, the Center is able to offer **internships to selected students**. **The interns’ purpose is to further the Center’s mission and vision, under the guidance of the Center’s Director, Community Advisory Board, and Fellows, for roughly 40 hours total over the course of the academic year.** Some examples of the work interns would do include:

- Promote and realize **Interfaith Forums** to bring together small groups of from a variety of perspectives about religion – including multiple religious, non-religious and culturally-based perspectives -- roughly three times per semester to converse about their perspectives firsthand. Each forum will be led by an expert facilitator and an Intern.
- Promote and staff the Center’s **five annual public lectures**: 1) The Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue; 2) The Murray/Baci Lecture in Catholic Studies; 3) The Imam Khattab
Lecture in Islamic Studies; 4) the Philip Markowicz Lecture in Jewish Biblical Studies and 5) the Lecture in East Asian Religious Thought.

- Organize and promote the Center’s participation in the Presidential Interfaith Community Service Project, UT’s response to President Obama’s Challenge to university campuses nationwide to bring together students of various backgrounds on religion to meet a community need. Project Leader, Sudershan Pasupuleti, UT School of Criminal Justice & Social Work (sudershan.pasupuleti@utoledo.edu), cosponsored by the Center and the UT Office of Academic Engagement.

**Why might I want to be an Intern?**

- Because you care about advancing the vision, mission, and objectives of the Center.
- To demonstrate your commitment to these goals and to the field of religion on your resume.
- To learn more about diverse perspectives on religion and community organizing.
- To receive compensation of $250 at the end of each semester, for a total of $500, pending completion of assigned tasks.

**What qualifications must I meet in order to be an Intern?**

- In the upcoming school year, be a sophomore, junior or senior doing undergraduate work at the University of Toledo, with good academic standing.
- Be enrolled full time for the upcoming school year at the University of Toledo, meaning be taking at least 12 credits in both the fall and spring terms.
- Be a compassionate individual, highly motivated by the goals and visions of the Center.
- Be knowledgeable and interested in at least one religious or philosophical tradition, preferably with connections to one or more campus organizations, though you need not belong to any religious or philosophical tradition or institution.
- A history of peer leadership is helpful.

**How do I apply?**

Fill out the attached application form and return it to me by April 10 by email, or physically to my mailbox in the Philosophy Department, or at my office (feel free to slide it under my door if I am not in).

Of course, feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you again for your interest!

Sincerely yours,

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APPLICATION

INTERNERSHIP WITH THE CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING

I. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Today's Date: _____________________________

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________

Major (current or expected): _____________________________________________________________________________________

Year in school (sophomore, junior, senior): __________________________________________________________

Full time for the upcoming academic year? Yes _______ No _______ Rocket #: __________________

Campus organizations you have connections with, for how long and in what capacity
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Phone: _____________________________ Email _____________________________

Local Address: ________________________________________________________________

Address payment should be sent to, if different (often sent during winter and summer breaks):
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II. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Explain briefly why you want to be an intern at the Center for Religious Understanding. Keeping in mind the responsibilities & qualifications of a Center Intern, also feel free to describe any relevant skills, experiences and perspectives you would bring to our work. Use the back if you wish.

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Please e-mail, snail mail or hand deliver the above by April 10 to: Jeanine Diller, Ph. D, jeanine.diller@utoledo.edu, Director, Center for Religious Understanding, Mail Stop 966, University Hall 4007B, 2801 W. Bancroft, Toledo, OH 43606. Many thanks!