Interfaith Coordinator Award
2014-15 Academic Year

Completed applications must be submitted to Student Financial Services by March 31, 2014

Up to five Interfaith Coordinator awards will be offered to students from a variety of religious and spiritual backgrounds who are interested in helping develop their leadership skills in any of a number of areas. Recipients will participate as a team in leading and developing resources related to spirituality and social justice, with specific responsibilities assigned to coordinating connections related to areas such as communications, residential programs, diversity/multiculturalism, Christian life, Jewish life, and social justice.

Awards will be $2,000 each semester. Students planning to study abroad for one semester in 2014-15 are welcome to apply; please indicate such plans in the responses below, including which semester you plan to be abroad. Each coordinator will serve in one of the areas listed above, with responsibility for working with the University Chaplain and staff in the office of Spirituality, Service, & Social Justice (SSSJ) to develop and coordinate programs in their area. Individual coordinators will meet weekly with their supervisor and with the full interfaith coordinator team. Each coordinator is expected to work 6-8 hours a week in pursuit of their program area, including meetings and an office hour. The coordinators are expected to work as a team, provide support to one another’s programs, and to coordinate with SSSJ staff to help address issues that connect spirituality to the larger university community. The selection committee may choose to schedule interviews with candidates as a part of the award process.

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Attach a one-or-two paragraph response to each of the following:

1. Describe your interest in becoming an interfaith coordinator, indicating any relevant previous leadership experience on campus. Please include information on any workshops, trainings, or other experiences that indicate your interfaith and multicultural competency.

2. What do you find most exciting about the potential of being an Interfaith Coordinator? What do you anticipate would be most challenging for you in this role?

3. What personal/spiritual growth would you hope to experience as an interfaith coordinator?

4. Please indicate if you plan to study abroad for one semester in 2014-15, and if so which semester you would be off-campus.

Please rank one or more areas in which you are interested.

- [ ] Christian Life
- [ ] Residential Programs
- [ ] Diversity & Multiculturalism
- [ ] Clubs and Organizations
- [ ] Civic Engagement
- [ ] Communications and Publicity
- [ ] Jewish Life

I agree that if I am selected for this scholarship, the university may supply information regarding my academic performance and other information (such as, but not limited to, the information submitted with the application) to the scholarship donor or other individuals or groups involved with the administration of this scholarship.

Signature: ________________________ Date: ________________________
Interfaith Coordinators

Each interfaith coordinator will serve in one of the areas listed below, with responsibility for coordinating programs within their assigned area. The interfaith coordinator will be under the mentorship of the University Chaplain and the staff of the office of Spirituality, Service, and Social Justice. Individual coordinators will meet regularly with their supervisor, and will meet weekly with the full interfaith coordinator team. Each coordinator is expected to work 6-8 hours a week in pursuit of their program area, including meetings and an office hour. The coordinators are expected to work as a team, provide support to one another’s’ programs, and to coordinate with SSSJ and other staff to help address issues that connect spirituality and social justice to the larger university community.

1) Christian Life
The Christian Life Interfaith Coordinator will work with the University Chaplain and leaders of the several Christian-related clubs on campus to develop a sense of coordination and relationship between the multiple Christianities on campus. Specific projects will include helping to plan and lead occasional chapel programs, helping to plan the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, working to offer programs relevant to our Christian communities, and helping to plan Ash Wednesday and Easter services in the spring.

2) Diversity and Multiculturalism
The Diversity and Multiculturalism Interfaith Coordinator will work with the University Chaplain and interfaith coordinator colleagues to develop collaborations related to spirituality and social justice with student communities served by the Student Diversity Center and support implementation of multicultural goals within SSSJ. Major roles include participating in Governing Council meetings; outreach to SDC clubs and organizations; supporting smaller, new, and emerging religious life clubs; and partnering with MCSS student staff to plan and host joint events.

3) Civic Engagement
The Civic Engagement Interfaith Coordinator will work to help foster programs and experiences for students that emphasize community-based learning experiences in partnership with off-campus partners. Major roles include assisting community service and social justice student leaders in programs like the Civic Leadership Immersion Programs, MLK Day of Service, and Alternative Break programs; assisting professional staff in implementing community partnerships; and encouraging religious life groups to participate in service and justice opportunities.

4) Residential Programs
The Residential Programs Interfaith Coordinator will work to develop and implement a range of programs related to spirituality, service & social justice in partnership with students living on campus. This coordinator will help provide leadership for the Intersections residential program; provide outreach and support to residence life student staff and programs; and work to support publicity and visibility for the work of the other Interfaith Coordinators within our residential population.

5) Jewish Life
The Jewish Life Interfaith Coordinator will work with the University Chaplain, the officers of Hillel at Puget Sound, and colleagues to help coordinate and increase outreach for Jewish life on campus. Specific projects will include outreach to first-year Jewish students, helping to coordinate student involvement in High Holy Day Services, assisting Hillel students in developing the ongoing Shabbat services on campus, and working with Hillel and SSSJ to help coordinate the annual Campus Passover Seder.
6) **Clubs and Organizations**
The Clubs and Organizations Interfaith Coordinator will work with SSSJ staff and other Interfaith Coordiators to help connect students interested in spirituality and social justice with the breadth of student life activities. They will serve as a liaison to ASUPS leadership; provide outreach to the range of student communities to engage them in the programs and resources offered by SSSJ and religious life clubs; and explore ways to support inter-group dialogue and interfaith awareness.

7) **Communications and Publicity**
The Communications and Publicity Interfaith Coordinator will serve as a resource to the full Interfaith Coordinator team in developing and designing effective publicity for departmental events. This coordinator will also manage our Social Media presence, publish a regular department newsletter, assist in maintaining departmental websites, and develop additional creative communication techniques in support of the Interfaith Coordinator team.