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Thank you for your interest in serving as an intern with Vision Baptist Mission (UK). We are excited to offer you this opportunity to gain vital hands-on ministry experience and training and to use your gifts and abilities to carry out the Great Commission in the United Kingdom. In the pages that follow, you will find important information about our team. If you have other questions that are not addressed in the material already provided, please contact us.

About Vision Baptist Mission

Vision Baptist Mission is a UK Charity that is proud to partner with Vision Baptist Missions in Alpharetta, Georgia, USA visionmissions.org. Our vision is to spread the gospel, teach the Bible, train Christian workers, plant churches, and send missionaries around the world. Vision Baptist Mission is led by the following trustees:

Travis Snode



Travis and Teri have been serving as church-planters to the UK since 2002. They planted their first church in Northern Ireland. In 2013, they moved to southeast London and planted a second church. You can find out more about them at travissnode.com.

James Wilson



James was born in Ireland, grew up in England and has served as the pastor of Derry Baptist Fellowship in Derry, Northern Ireland since 2013. You can find out more about his ministry at derryfellowship.com.

Sam Quinn



After several years as single missionaries (Sam - UK, Beth - North Africa), Sam and Beth were married and are now church-planters to the UK with Vision Baptist Missions. You can find out more about them at samquinn.net.

Purpose of Your Internship

- Develop your vision for the world.
- Gain experience in cross-cultural evangelism, discipleship and ministry.
- Cultivate a heart for people from other cultures and backgrounds.
- Help reach out to lost people and encourage believers in the city.
- Gain understanding about church-planting around the world.
- Leave forever changed by the Holy Spirit of God.

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Preliminary Training

In order to participate in the UK Internship, you might be required to do some preliminary training at the Our Generation Training Center ogtc.info in Alpharetta, GA: 1 week for a 6-week internship; 1 month for a 6-month internship; 2 months for a 1-year internship.

If you would like to receive credit through the Our Generation Training Center for your internship, you must complete 6 months of training prior to being a UK intern.

Term & Dates

The dates for your particular time of ministry as a UK Intern will be arranged on an individual basis. The minimum amount of time we suggest for effective ministry is one month, but we prefer at least three months. To discuss details or to plan your time of ministry, please contact us.

Schedule

The main purpose of your time in the UK will be to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. You are welcome to spend time off sightseeing, as long as it does not interfere with the ministry. Typically, you will work about 40 hours a week not including church services and meetings. We encourage everyone to take one day off per week. You will be working as part of a team and should do your best to meet the objectives laid out for you by Vision Baptist Mission leaders.

Visa

The UK Border Agency requires that all volunteers who enter the country to do religious work obtain a visa. If you plan to serve in the UK for 24 months or less, you will apply for a Religious Worker's Visa (Tier 5). If you plan to serve in the UK for longer than 24 months, you will apply for a Minister of Religion Visa (Tier 2).

In order to obtain this visa, a sponsoring church here in the UK will need to issue you a Certificate of Sponsorship which is basically a number that you enter into your application. We will help you find a church to sponsor you into the country.

The following website will give you more information about the sponsorship and visa process including costs:

- Religious Worker's Visa (Tier 5) <https://www.gov.uk/tier-5-religious>
- Minister of Religion Visa (Tier 2) <https://www.gov.uk/tier-2-minister-of-religion-visa>

In order for you to be issued with a certificate of sponsorship, we will need you to read about the sponsorship process, fill out an application form, and follow the steps outlined by the sponsoring church.

Please begin the sponsorship process at least 3 months before you plan to come. This should allow enough time for your certificate of sponsorship to be issued for you to apply for your visa. You will also be asked to agree to a volunteer work contract with the sponsoring church, which will be signed when you arrive in the country.

Copies of the following along with other documents may be required at the time of application: current passport photo, passport (front and inside photo page), birth certificate, ordination certificate (if applicable), social security card, college diploma (if applicable), proof of health insurance, driver's license (if applicable), five year address history, bank statements showing income, and criminal record background check number or document.

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Cost

The cost of your time in the UK will vary greatly depending on several factors: the price of airfare, how long you arrange to stay, what time of year you come, what you plan to do, where you stay, etc. The prices below are a rough estimate based on one person staying for a minimum of 6 months and living by themselves in a house share:

One-Time Costs:

Plane tickets	\$1000 - \$1700	(Varies greatly with time of year and airlines)
Visa	\$350	(Based on fee of £244 for Tier 5 visa application)
House Furnishings	\$550	(For various furnishings and/or appliances for your house)
Lodging Deposit	\$1000	(A security deposit that may be returned to you by your landlord depending on the condition of the premises at departure)

Monthly Costs: \$1980*

Lodging	\$775	(Based on £550 to rent a room near Downham)
Utilities	\$225	(Based on paying £160 for utilities and phone in a room rental)
Transportation	\$225	(Based on walking some and occasionally using public transport)
Trips/Tours	\$200	(Various tours and trips that will vary depending on the individual)
Food	\$375	(Based on spending about £60 per week on groceries/eating out)
Spending	\$200	(For offerings, snacks, souvenirs, and miscellaneous expenses)

*All above costs are based on estimated costs and an exchange rate of \$1.40 to £1.

Deadlines

In order to be most effective, we require all interns meet the following deadlines:

6 months before departure - *Confirm dates of ministry with us.*

- Your time in the UK might be able to coincide with a special outreach or event.
- This would allow you the opportunity to be more involved in the ministry here.

3 months before departure - *Begin application process for visa.*

2 months before departure - *Purchase plane tickets.*

- You will be responsible to purchase your own plane tickets.
- Be sure to confirm all flight details with us before final booking.

6 weeks before departure - *Send money for your first month of lodging and utilities.*

- This will only be necessary if you need us to make deposits on your behalf for your lodging and accommodation.

Plane Tickets

You will be responsible to purchase your own plane tickets two months prior to your departure. The price of tickets varies considerably with the time of the year. The most expensive time to fly is during the summer. When purchasing your tickets, the best airports to fly into are London Heathrow (LHR), London Gatwick (LGW), or London Stansted (STN). Prior to booking your flight, please be sure to confirm the flight details with us.

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Lodging

Where you will stay depends a great deal on how long you are planning to serve in the UK, how much money you have/raise, and whether you are coming as a single person or with a family. Options include:

- Staying with a ministry family for a shorter period of time (typically 1 month or less)
- Staying in a “spare room” which is a bedroom in someone else’s home with shared access to a bathroom, kitchen, and living room.
- Renting an apartment or a house.

As you consider accommodation options, please understand that housing is quite expensive in the UK especially in urban areas. Also, be prepared for housing, space, and life in the UK to be quite a bit different for those who are from outside the UK.

Getting Your Money

There are various ways you can get your money while you are here. Here are a few options:

- You can pull it out in British Pounds Sterling from an ATM (recommended). If you choose to do this, you need to check with your bank to find out what fees are associated with this.
 - You can use some kind of online transfer service. Be sure to check to see what kind of fees and commission are included as well as the rate of exchange.
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Dress and Weather

The temperature in London ranges between 52-73° F in the summer and 36-46° F in the winter. It can be quite windy and rainy at any time of the year and may even snow in the winter.

If you will be here during the winter, be sure to bring a warm jacket, preferably waterproof with a hood. You should bring mostly long-sleeve clothing for the winter months. A lightweight waterproof jacket and short-sleeve clothing will be fine for the summer.

You will want some relatively comfortable shoes for all the walking we do here. Please be modest in everything you wear so you will set a good example for the people on the field.

Application

To apply for the UK Internship, you must:

1. Complete an application form.
2. Agree to the trip covenant found on the next page.
3. Have a completed recommendation from your pastor.

For access to all these forms, please go to www.visionmissions.co.uk/opportunities.

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Internship Covenant

I recognise and accept the following conditions which will further the usefulness and safety of my internship. I understand that though the United Kingdom may not be referred to as a third-world country, it may not have the same conveniences that I am used to at home. I realise how important it is to be flexible and willing to adjust to the expectations of my host. If accepted as a member of this UK Internship:

- I will go as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with my fellow team members and the people I meet during this internship.
- I realise and agree that this is an internship and not a vacation. I want to go on this internship to learn more about missions, learn how I can serve God better, and be a blessing to other Christians and the missionaries on the field.
- I will accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the team leader and promise to abide by his or her decisions as they concern this internship.
- I agree that in the event my conduct is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardises the success of the internship, and that mediation during the internship has failed to correct my behaviour, that my services in connection with this internship will end and I will return home immediately at my own expense.
- If a loved one or dear friend is traveling with me, we agree to interact with all members of the team, not just one another. I promise not to initiate or seek new romantic relationships with team members or local people during the trip/ internship.
- I will always pay my own way. I will be careful not to expect the missionaries or local people to pay my or my team's expenses.
- I will be a blessing to the missionaries we are visiting. If a missionary accompanies me on an outing or excursion, I will pay for the missionary's entry fees and meals. The missionary is only going as a guide and has probably been there several times already.
- I will not expect the missionaries to be my maids. They are not my room service.
- I will help out with serving, cleaning, and cooking in the missionary home. I will be a blessing that the missionaries will remember and be glad and thankful that I came on the internship.
- I will not complain about the food, lodging, accommodations, etc.
- I will be a gracious guest. If my lodging is in a missionary's or national's home, I will remember I am a houseguest. This home has been generously opened to me. It is not a motel to be treated carelessly as if I had paid for the room.
- I will be respectful of the missionary's home. In whatever home I stay, I will treat the possessions of the owner with care. I will always leave a home and the furnishings in as good a condition as I found them. I will respect the missionaries' right to privacy.
- I will conscientiously set aside time to have my personal devotions and take care of my daily responsibilities both spiritually and physically. I will understand that each group member will be asked to help with different house duties.
- I will attend all services, activities, outings, etc. and carry my share of the load in the work we are trying to accomplish.
- I will maintain and exhibit a good attitude that will honour and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.
- I will remember we are the new Christians from another part of the world and will be watched very closely. I will not take lightly this important responsibility of setting an example.
- I will submit to the instructions concerning attire, eating, drinking and other such traditions which will help me to assimilate into the local community.
- I promise not to be overly demanding, to do my best not to offend or cause embarrassment for our missionary hosts, and to do my best to help them attain their long-term goals.
- As a Christian I realise that it is my responsibility to die to myself and seek to serve others. I will not seek my own but that of others. This means not putting myself first and leaving others out. I will be a blessing to all of my team and especially those that I have come to minister to.
 - I realise that others on my team will look at me for an example of how a Christian acts and will not treat that responsibility lightly. I understand that travel may be difficult, and I promise to adopt a flexible attitude and be supportive as plans may need to be changed. I understand that I must travel with the rest of the team.
- Before I give a gift to someone I will consult with the team leader and missionary and allow him to make the final decision on this matter.
- I release and discharge the organisations and individuals which helped me make these arrangements, including Vision Baptist Mission, my home church, their agents, employees, officers and volunteers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, or executions that I have ever had, or now have, or may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may have or claim to have against these organisations, their agents, employees, officers, and volunteers, and their successors or assigns for all personal injuries, known or unknown and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of this journey. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.