Student SERVE

Inter-religious, Cross-cultural, & Muslim-Christian Relations Research
Indonesia
Summer 2027

Each of the world's major religions is represented in our nation, along with hundreds of cultures and languages. We're looking for someone who is academically inclined and is interested in learning about and engaging members of other faiths and cultures. This role involves language and cultural learning as well as inter-religious and theological exploration. You will have the opportunity to participate in seminars and conferences at local universities as well as independent study on related topics.

Brooke and Mike oversee an international mentorship and exchange program designed to give students real-world ministry experience both in the U.S. and in cross-cultural settings abroad.

Their work in Indonesia includes partnerships focused on reaching university students, helping train pastors and lay leaders, strengthening theological education, supporting children's reading programs, and promoting peace building and religious literacy.

Skills Required:

- Personable and friendly; willing to actively approach and meet new people.
- Intercultural awareness and sensitivity.
- Ability to adapt to new and rapidly changing situations.
- Patience, humility, and good problem-solving skills.
- Ability to research and write, independently without supervision
- Willingness to engage in/lead academic discussions

Apply by November 12th!

For any questions or more information, contact
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Additional Information:

Current U.S. passport (1-2 months to process if student does not already have one)
Student visa application (at least 4 months to process)

Housing & Food:

Students will live in private, single-occupancy, dorm-like apartments or a multi-room guesthouse within walking distance of the field personnel's home and the university. Accommodations include a bed, desk, bathroom, television, wireless internet, and air conditioning. Housing is approximately $500, with the option of double occupancy, or rooms without air conditioning, hot water, or an in-room bathroom, which would lower the cost. The residence has a shared, simple kitchen, but most students choose to eat at inexpensive local restaurants. Ideally, students will enjoy Asian, rice-based dishes. Western foods are available but rare; relying on them limits the student's ability to interact with neighbors and peers. Students usually spend $300-500 for the summer.

Transportation:

Students will have access to a bicycle, rental scooter, and/or local online taxis. For taxis, students can use a mobile application. Transportation to/from site is approximately $1200-$1800. Local airfare will be about $200. Local transportation is approximately $200.

Extra funding required for this position:

Depending on the term of service, there may be additional excursions/local ministry opportunities which would require additional funding to supplement the cost. An approximate cost for the annual Bali/Sumba trip would require an additional $500 to pay for the domestic flights. Participation in additional opportunities is voluntary.

About Student Serve:

Each year, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship provides educational opportunities for college and graduate students (aged 18 years or older) to serve both domestically and internationally in a variety of missions and ministry contexts, which may lead to vocational callings in church or field ministries. Students will serve in an educational experience with either CBF field personnel, congregations, CBF State and Regional Organizations, or Engagement Partners that aligns with Global Missions language for desired impact:

"Rooted in the transformative love of Jesus Christ, we aim to see people flourish in stable, dignified, and abundant lives. We are intentionally focusing on those affected by displacement, poverty, trauma, injustice, or limited access to the Gospel."

During the Student Serve program, students will:

- Be introduced to the breadth of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's mission and ministry by being connected with a community of field personnel, congregations, clergy, lay leaders, and partners who are eager to support them in their journey of faith and discovery, finding their place within God's mission to change the world.
- Attend either an in-person or virtual orientation where they will meet other students, get acquainted with the program, receive training, and understand roles and expectations.
- Connect with fellow students around the country and world through virtual cohort sessions.
- Receive regular support from CBF staff and a designated encourager in a small group setting.
- Complete reflections, evaluations, and debrief during the program.
- Receive a $3,000 stipend in support of their service in one of the available positions.