

# Frequently Asked Questions and Parent Information :: City Project 2021

***When is City Project*** :: May 20-July 15, 2021

***Cost*** :: Students must raise \$5,150 in order to participate in City Project.

## ***COVID-19 FAQs***

***How do we know we will be able to go overseas by next summer*** :: The quick and short answer is that we don't. No one can really be certain that we will be able to travel around the world in the Summer of 2021. But we do have a team of experienced physicians, travel agents, and pastors helping us make wise and safe decisions about our summer projects. In order to plan a trip of this magnitude (140+ people traveling to over 13 international locations, NYC, and some other domestic cities) we have to plan almost 10 months in advance. At the moment of us making these plans, we are hopeful that a reliable medical treatment of COVID-19 will be developed, and that world travel will open back up.

***What if we end up not being able to go overseas*** :: Last summer, we had 123 students signed up to complete City Project and were halfway through the support raising process when COVID-19 altered all of our summer plans. We were able to quickly alter and adjust our plans to include no international travel, lowered the total cost needed to complete the project, and move forward with Plan B. A few weeks later, the entire project was cancelled and all donors were allowed to request a refund. Going into the Summer of 2021, we already have a plan B and C if COVID-19 disrupts our travel plans again. But at this time (10 months out from our international trips), we have to make a plan that includes international travel, otherwise we are choosing to not go international because of COVID, but because we didn't plan for it.

***Will there be Covid precautions taken*** :: I think we all can agree that COVID-19 will probably alter the way we all live, travel, and share public space moving forward. We will follow all CDC guidelines for the entirety of the project and will do all we can to ensure that ALL students' safety is a high priority.

***How can we know we'll even be able to do City Project*** :: Again, it is not that we "know" that we can do City Project. Similar to our international trips, we have to plan for a project of this magnitude in advance (currently we are 8 months out from City Project Orientation Week). So while we are not 100% certain that City Project will happen the way we foresee it happening now, we must move forward with Plan A, all while having Plan B and C in our back pocket as we move closer and closer to the kickoff of the project.

***How do students raise support ::*** The primary way is through communicating to those who want to invest in your development as a disciple of Jesus. Through letter or email, combined with a personal visit or phone call, convey the unique opportunity you have in the City Project. This is more than a mission trip. It is a holistic development of right thinking about God, a vision for the church, and a love for the people of the world. You should start having these conversations as soon as you turn in your application. You don't have to ask for money yet, but especially to those you know well, begin talking about the City Project and share your excitement with them. After your official acceptance into the City Project, we will train you how to raise support and you will be given sample letters and other resources to use.

***What is the money I raised used for ::*** Most funds go toward your plane ticket and in country costs for the International trip. Other costs include books, your living expenses, paying teachers, and the NYC trip.

***What happens if a student doesn't raise all the funds needed ::***We have clear support raising deadlines in place that have been communicated to your student. While we will work with your student as much as possible as they seek to meet these deadlines, if the international deadline is not met by the specified date, then they will not be able to travel internationally for that portion of the summer and it will be evaluated whether or not they can still participate in the rest of the summer, provided that they raise the funds to cover all expenses. We truly believe that God has called your student to this project and that he will be faithful to provide the funds as your student works hard and is faithful to follow the support raising process we have in place.

***Housing ::***Wake Forest Housing will be local housing with students and staff in dorm rooms, located on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Specific details, such as room assignments and packing list, will be disclosed closer to move in date. Please know that safety is top priority to us and we ensure that housing will be provided in a location that is wise, safe, and strategic. International Housing is being secured in different locations by our field partners. Some will be in hotels, some will stay with trust host families, and some will be in mission guest houses – either way security, again, is a top priority and we ensure that these housings situations will be handled with great care and communicated to you as a parent with clarity. Specific details will be disclosed closer to departure date.

***Food ::*** During the Wake Forest portion, meals are provided by Magnolia Kitchen on the campus of SEBTS. On the weekends, students will be given stipends for all meals. During international trips, all meals are covered during travel and in country.

**Transportation** :: Students will be driving or carpooling with other students and staff for local events. Students and staff will be taking a bus to New York during that portion of the summer and will use local transportation under the direction of the staff in NYC.

**Safety in Wake Forest** :: The student's safety is one of our top priorities. This is true no matter where they are and includes their time in Wake Forest! The Summit Church is equipped to train them on how to live wisely in Wake Forest, NC due to having done this in years past.

**Can students go home during the summer?** :: For pre-approved dates and emergency situations students are permitted to go home. A process for having absences approved will be communicated to your student and they must follow that process in order to leave for a pre-approved absence. We want students to engage with and invest in the City Project community this summer; therefore, we ask students to make themselves as available as possible to participating in City Project as a whole. Students can fill out a form to request permission to leave City Project for special engagements or extenuating circumstances. We want to honor as many requests as possible, but also help students grow in community this summer and we believe that even the informal time they have with each other is crucial for their growth as a disciple of Christ. Can students work a job during the summer.

**Time off and Working During the Summer** :: You will have Friday and Saturday off (during the Wake Forest portion of the summer) and you may also take off one afternoon per week for purposes of working another job. It is certainly not ideal to work during the summer to help with your focus, but we understand and appreciate those who need to work during the summer. With that in mind, the international and NYC trips are required portions of the program, so you would need to be absent from the job for several weeks during the summer.

**Can students get college or seminary credit for the summer** :: Currently, we are not providing seminary or college credit for any of the classes you take this summer.

**A typical week during the Wake Forest portion** :: Most of the weeks in Wake Forest will consist of class type settings from 9am-Noon, Monday-Thursday. After lunch, students will meet participate in other ministry assignments. There may be particular projects that come up throughout the summer that the City Project is asked to help with from Vacation Bible School to Serve RDU projects. In those cases, we may veer from the typical daily schedule, at least outside of class. Evenings will consist of ministry projects or down time. Fridays and Saturdays are off days. On Sundays, the students attend one service at the Summit and serve at another through First Impressions and Kids ministries. Sunday nights consist of a social event for the students.

***International Locations*** :: Each international location for the summer is a place where The Summit Church has strategic long-term partners that have proven great competence through years of experience as well as years of hosting teams from Summit. We and our partners are monitoring the safety of each location very closely on a regular basis and assure you that we are not sending your students to places that are unwise. In each place, your student will have the opportunity to engage in strategic work for the sake of the gospel that will aid, encourage, support, and play a part in the long-term work of our strategic partners.

***Dessert Celebration***:: At the end of the summer, we will have a celebration banquet that we'd love for you to attend! We would love for you to come to the banquet which will be during debrief week. This will be an incredible opportunity to hear about what your child was a part of this summer. This year the banquet will be held on July 15, 2020. We will communicate the time, location, and any change of plans to your student during the summer.

***Communication While traveling internationally*** :: Once we have secured an itinerary for your student, and they have met all financial requirements for participation in their international trip, we will make your student's travel itinerary available to them online. Two Summit College staff members will accompany them during their travels. Our Summit College staff members who are not traveling will do the best we can to track each team's progress through their itinerary. However, please know that international travel itineraries are prone to change quickly, both before and during international travel. Although Summit College keeps track of changes the best we can, changes that happen during international travel are often both outside of our control and beyond our ability to track in a timely manner. When changes like this happen, we cannot guarantee that we have the ability to communicate all changes of itinerary for your student because the team leader may not have time or ability to communicate to us. Therefore, **if you desire to track your student as they travel internationally, we highly recommend that you and your student agree upon a communication plan during their international travel.** That will provide the parents peace of mind and help the student understand why it is important for them to communicate to parents during travel and upon arrival.

***In Case of Emergency ::*** If you cannot reach your student directly and need to get in touch with them, or if you need to ask the staff questions during the summer, email [gonow@summitrdu.com](mailto:gonow@summitrdu.com) to get in touch with Summit College Staff. The same applies for a personal family emergency on your part or if you hear about something that happens in Wake Forest or internationally – just email us at this address and we will response immediately! This email will be checked consistently by multiple people throughout the summer. In addition to emailing this address, you can also call any member of the Go Now Leadership Team at the numbers listed below. Please note that even if you call one of these numbers please still email the address above to ensure someone responses immediately (these pastors will be traveling throughout the summer as well):

### **College Director Team**

- **Wes Smith**, College Pastor, [wsmith@summitrdu.com](mailto:wsmith@summitrdu.com)
- **Jordan Kohman**, Go Now Director, [jkohman@summitrdu.com](mailto:jkohman@summitrdu.com)
- **Elizabeth Hughes**, Women’s Director, [ehughes@summitrdu.com](mailto:ehughes@summitrdu.com)
- **Charles Holmes**, NCCU Campus Director, [cholmes@summitrdu.com](mailto:cholmes@summitrdu.com)
- **Josh Ferguson**, College Associate Pastor of Discipleship, [jferguson@summitrdu.com](mailto:jferguson@summitrdu.com)
- **Whitney Ford**, Administrative Associate, [wford@summitrdu.com](mailto:wford@summitrdu.com)
- 919-383-7100 – The Summit Church Office

***What is expected of participants during the summer? ::*** Below is the covenant that students sign in order to be accepted into this program. If this covenant is violated at any point during the summer, students could be dismissed from the program and sent home as his/her own expense. While this is extremely rare, we set clear expectations beforehand for the health of the program and the success of students and all other students involved.

## **CITY PROJECT :: Summer Guidelines**

The City Project, like any summer leadership program, has designed certain standards and policies to accomplish the goals of the program. The standards are not necessarily policy for all environments, but are deemed necessary for a spiritual project of this nature.

### **1. WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING AN ENVIRONMENT OF SAFETY AND PROTECTION IN AN URBAN AREA.**

- No foolish behavior that put your and/or others' safety at risk
- For safety, students are not allowed to be out in Wake Forest after dark alone. They must at least be in pairs.
- No going to clubs or bars.
- Dress appropriately for the communities you are living & serving in (i.e. sunbathing, jogging, etc.)
- No firearms of any kind including airsoft, paintball, BB guns, etc.

### **2. WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING A HIGH STANDARD OF MORALS AS A CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY IN OUR ENVIRONMENTS.**

- Honor the Lord with your appearance through cleanliness and modesty.
- Always abide by all mandated dress codes:
  - Summit Offices on Tuesdays: none of the following: shorts, open toed shoes of any kind, halter-tops, spaghetti straps and the like, shirts that show midriff, sleeveless t-shirts for guys.
- Girls: no two-piece bathing suits or low back one pieces, Guys: shirts must be on unless at pool area. No Speedos.
- No men in the women's bedrooms and vice versa. You may be in the community rooms together.
- No drug tobacco, alcohol, or drug use is allowed. Infractions may result in dismissal the project.
- No immoral activity.
- Practice wisdom, prudence, and holiness with your entertainment choices (movies, internet, etc)

### **3. WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING A HIGH LEVEL OF CREDIBILITY AND EXCELLENCE WITH MINISTRY PARTNERS, CAMPUS CROSSING, AND THE SUMMIT CHURCH**

- Prioritize cleanliness in your living environments at all times. Complaints regarding the cleanliness of apartments will be taken seriously, and the City Project staff reserves the right to perform periodic room inspections for cleanliness.
- We expect you to be on time to class & events each day. If tardiness happens repeatedly, a conversation with the City Project Director will ensue.
- Follow all policies assigned by any ministry partner.
- Display an attitude of submission and respect towards all leaders and authorities.

### **4. WE ARE COMMITTED TO CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT TO BEST ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS OF THE CITY PROJECT.**

- No out of town trips. The City Project Director must approve any exceptions prior to arrival. (This includes anything outside a 40-mile radius). We expect you to be here during the weekends.
- All project activities are required functions and should be attended on time. You need the approval of your team leader to miss an intern assignment, class, or event.
- No leaving the project before it is officially over. CP Director must approve exceptions.
- Be considerate of others at all times. Keep quiet hours in apartments; help with gas expenses, etc.
- No DATING while on City Project... If you already have a significant other off Project, great! But, we require your interactions to be group minded.... Foster City Project community... etc.

*Dismissal note: The City Project leadership reserves the right to dismiss a student from City Project if deemed necessary for the health of the student and/or for the overall health of the City Project Community.*

## City Project :: Summer Covenant

### *Devotion*

- \_\_\_\_\_ I commit to make knowing and obeying Jesus everyday my highest priority (Mk. 3:14).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will spend daily time with Jesus through the Bible and prayer in order to pursue my own spiritual growth and to pray for those I will serve (Matt. 4:4, 1 Tim. 2:1).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I commit to following Jesus through all difficulties this summer. I will endure knowing that he is working for my good in all things (Heb. 12:1-11).

### *Character*

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will strive to bring Glory to the Lord Jesus Christ in all I do and will maintain the highest standards of Christian character. To be a faithful witness to Christ, I will keep my character above reproach (1 Cor. 10:31, Phil. 2:14-15).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will maintain the highest level of purity and agree to abstain from all sexual sin including pornography (1 Cor. 6:12-20).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be flexible, teachable, and humble throughout the summer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to have a servant's attitude at all times. The needs and priorities of those I serve are more important than my own (Mk. 10:42-45).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will steward my body well and make wise choices in my exercise, eating and sleeping habits (Matt. 25:14-30)

### *Community*

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will display Christian love and respect to all people, even if they are different than me (Lk. 10:29-37).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will put the preferences of my roommates before my own and will seek their wellbeing in our living environment. I will respect my roommates by keeping my living space and common rooms clean (Phil. 2:4).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will strive to foster the unity and health of all City Project teams. I will be an encourager (Phil. 1:27).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will not gossip or slander against others. If I have been wronged, I will seek reconciliation directly with those involved. I will get help from others until the conflict is not resolved (Matt. 18:15-17).

### *Authority*

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will submit to and respect those who have been given authority over me at all times (Phil. 2:5-11).

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will strive to maintain the unity of the project by supporting my leaders and their decisions. I will address any issues I have with their leadership in a Christ-like manner (Heb. 13:17).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I act in a way that is dishonoring to the name of Jesus and do not submit to the leadership of the City Project and of The Summit Church at any time during my assignment, I could be dismissed from the program.

### *Miscellaneous*

- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that excessive use of the Internet, email, phone, text messaging, and social media may be discouraged and limited during my assignment. I agree to monitor myself, and resist activity that keeps my focus from my ministry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have honestly disclosed any spiritual, emotional, mental, or medical issues/history that could affect my participation in this program.