

Internship Overview

The JPUSA community members live together in a historic hotel in the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago and try to maintain a family atmosphere within our community. You will be sharing a dorm and bathroom with one other single person (in some very rare cases, two) and a floor with other singles, married couple and families with children. This is not always easy, but we strive to have mutual care and concern for one another. Each of the floors has two living rooms and a kitchen for any community member to use.

We provide 3 meals a day in our community dining room served buffet style. We usually (but not always) will have a vegetarian option to the main meal. Mealtimes are a main time of connection and fellowship for community members and we value the chance to join together around the table.

On work days, you will join other JPUSA interns and your intern host for breakfast, fellowship and morning devotion (unless this interferes with your specific internship placement hours). You would then proceed to your worksite for the day. Each intern will spend 3-4 days at their worksite and 1-2 days serving in the JPUSA community doing kitchen help, dishes, helping with our seniors program or other tasks as needed.

Depending on your placement, evenings and weekends are mostly free for fellowship and relaxation. There are a number of ongoing community activities that you are welcome to participate in should you choose to. Each intern will participate on a work team alongside JPUSA community members sharing evening and weekend cleaning responsibilities for one full week during the summer. We also ask that you join us for fellowship Sunday mornings throughout your time with the community.

One evening a week the interns will gather for class time together. You will need to acquire the following books that we will be using as texts throughout our internship:

<i>From Brokenness to Community</i>	by Jean Vanier
<i>The Wisdom of Stability</i>	by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove
<i>The Quotidian Mysteries</i>	by Kathleen Norris

JPUSA is an alcohol, tobacco and drug free community. Interns will be expected to adhere to these guidelines while participating.

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