

## Chapter Volunteer Invitation and Expectations

### Why is volunteering so important?

Thank you for taking some time to consider a vital role in kingdom work as we seek to partner with students and faculty to grow and plant witnessing communities on campus!

We truly believe in student leadership in which students help their peers grow in faith and help their seeking friends find Jesus. This ministry is empowered by chapter volunteers and chapter staff. We believe volunteers who love Jesus, love InterVarsity and love the campus are essential for God's work at colleges and universities: there is no feasible way workers could respond to the work God is doing on every campus and all the places he's at work in different clubs, organizations, departments and networks alone. The help and support of ministry partners is vital.

So, whether you're a recent alumni of InterVarsity or someone who feels pretty distant from college, we want to empower you in very practical ways to join us in advancing the gospel in the university setting.

### Partnering in the Ministry

Here are the specifics of what we're asking and time estimates:

- Would you consider making at least a 12 month commitment to volunteering? We know life is unpredictable, but part of what helps stabilize ministry is consistent leadership. We'd like to ask you to try to stay with this for at least a year.
- Complete the first stage of our volunteer ministry training (how to be missional on campus) through our online training platform, the Ministry Playbook by [InterVarsity](#). This will take about 2-3 hours and can be done over the course of multiple sittings as you have time.
- Complete the second stage of our training (an overview of how to lead a small group) by [InterVarsity](#). Again, this will likely take about 2-3 hours and can be done over multiple sessions.
- Our commitment is to meet with you regularly during the training to help you process and apply what you're learning. We may do this one-on-one or in a cohort that is doing the training together.

### How do I volunteer?

In this season of our group's life, the biggest need we have is to help support student leadership development. We want to grow the group's resilience through welcoming new students and helping students learn to apprentice as leaders. This process can take months, so we are inviting volunteers to help shepherd students specifically through co-leading or leading a small group. This gives students space to learn leadership without losing our shepherding capacity.

Leading or co-leading a small group can be done (once training is complete) in as little as [1-2](#) hours per week which includes prep and the small group itself. Usually more time is needed at the beginning and then the time commitment levels off in a few weeks.

Thanks for considering this and we look to talking more about details as well as answering your questions!