



2023 NEXUS Institute College Mentor Job Description

The NEXUS Institute exists to transform the landscape of the church and the world through the witness of the gospel. We seek to do this by inspiring and developing the next generation of Christian public witnesses with the good news of Jesus Christ. NEXUS invites high school students who are tired of the same old thing and want to understand how God has called them to be agents of transformation.

Job Title: NEXUS Institute College Mentor

General Description: NEXUS Institute college mentors are key players who will contribute to participants' overall experience of Christian community of learning and fellowship by sharing faith, walking alongside as they ask questions and seek understanding, encouraging participants in all areas, and especially supporting participants' enthusiasm for their own potential as active ministers of the good news of the gospel.

Timeframe & compensation: NEXUS mentors should expect to devote **July 11-22** to serving as mentors on campus. Mentors will earn \$1,000 and will have free housing and meals for the duration of the time (weekends not included in meals).

Desired Outcomes for The NEXUS Institute: As a result of having college mentors...

- Participants will feel **welcomed** and that they are part of a genuine **Christian community** where they will experience prayer, worship, study, and learning, and the practices of forgiveness, charity, and mercy.
- Participants in The NEXUS Institute will **share** their vision for a life of ministry, their hopes, and their fears.
- Participants will **grow** as they engage in discussion about theology, faith, and life in a comfortable environment.
- Participants will feel **encouraged and challenged** in their learning and in their sense of vocation, and they will leave NEXUS ready to take **steps of action** into their future as Christian witnesses.

Personal Outcomes

- Mentors will have firsthand experience of and gain appreciation for intentional Christian community, and grow in self-confidence to initiate such community.
- Mentors will develop a deeper understanding of how following Jesus can find meaning in all areas and careers.
- Mentors will be invited to think seriously about their own vocation, even think seriously about full-time ministry.
- Mentors will build long-lasting relationships and community focused around Christian witness.

Achieving the Outcomes: *During NEXUS, Mentors will:*

- Function as part of a team, developing and implementing parts of the program, and sharing life with NEXUS participants
- Live in the same housing as NEXUS participants (separate rooms)
- Facilitate and lead small group time (Bible reading, discussion of the day, helping students think about how the learning and experiences affect their lives, goals, purpose)
- Assume leadership and participation during service experiences in Des Moines, and through speaking and teaching (leading prayer, participating in "NEXUS Late Night," and other engaging activities)
- Set an example as someone seeking to follow Jesus, living in forgiveness, and modeling Christ-like behaviors and attitudes
- Engage meaningfully with participants during free time and other large group activities
- Have an openness and willingness to initiate conversation and relationship building with participants

Interested individuals please contact NEXUS Director, Kate Faas, at kfaas@grandview.edu