



## Ministry Exploration and Mentoring Project Grant Application Guidelines

### Who?

The Ministry Exploration and Mentoring Project Grant is available to young leaders who have participated in FTE's discernment retreats and/or the annual Christian Leadership Forum: Young Adult Cohort. You may be awarded this grant only once.

### What?

Young people exploring their call need opportunities to learn how church leaders and faith communities are participating in God's work in the world. This grant provides young adults a chance to:

- Create a project to explore ministry as a vocation,
- Expand their view of what they might do through the church,
- Learn more about innovative ecclesial models of ministry,
- Connect with congregations within communities the applicant wants to serve, and
- Create a meaningful mentoring relationship with a church leader.

Applicants may apply for a one-year Ministry Exploration and Mentoring Grant of \$1,500.

Grant recipients are required to provide a final report on their activities within 12 months after receiving their award.

### When?

The application deadlines for discernment retreat and Christian Leadership Forum: Young Adult Cohort participants are due on *12/1/2015, 3/31/2016, or 7/15/2016*. (It is encouraged that you apply by the first deadline after your FTE event participation.)

### How?

[Click here](#) to submit an online application. A complete application includes:

- ✓ An identified sponsoring organization that will assist in the applicant's exploration of ministry.
- ✓ A proposal up to 3 pages that explains the applicant's idea for a ministry exploration and mentoring project and how the \$1,500 will support the

- implementation of the project. *(The project must be carried out and completed within 13 months of application.)*
- ✓ Budget items related to the ministry exploration and mentoring project. (Limited to travel expenses, books, materials, registration fees and other related expenses. Funds should not be used to purchase equipment or used for philanthropic purposes.)
  - ✓ A photograph of the applicant.
  - ✓ Additional documentation, photos or videos that will assist FTE's selection committee in evaluating the merits of your proposal (optional).

Recipients will receive notification within 40 days of the application deadline.

### **Additional Information**

- Applicants can collaborate with other discernment retreat and summit participants on a proposal idea.
- Submitted proposals must begin within 3 months of receiving the grant.
- The 10 proposals that receive the most online votes will be featured on FTE's website and receive a \$1,500 award to implement their ministry exploration and mentoring project.
- Each grant recipient is required to complete the following within one month of completing their ministry exploration and mentoring project:
  - A brief 1-2 page report summarizing their experience.
  - A budget detailing how grant funds were spent.
- Reports are due by within 13 months of grant disbursement.

### **Questions?**

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