Imagine Art Internship Opportunity:

Spiritual Formation Intern (for credit; unpaid)

About Imagine Art:

Imagine Art is a Christian arts ministry serving artists with disabilities in east Austin. Our vision is God glorified through the restored lives of the artists in our community. We are a creative incubator offering fine art studio space with supplies and artistic direction, a gallery with professional development, recovery groups for restoration, and a community garden with daily meals.

Spiritual Formation Intern Job Description:

The Spiritual Formation Intern will work closely with the Art Program Director (primary supervisor) and other Imagine Art staff to help plan and implement opportunities for the members of our community to actively grow and develop as whole persons, recognizing that one’s relationship with God has implications for every aspect of life. Imagine Art offers a highly relational ministry opportunity, the details of which can be tailored to the unique gifts and calling of the Spiritual Formation Intern.

Specific responsibilities may include:

- leading a weekly Bible Study (co-ed and/or Men’s or Women’s only)
- facilitating a recovery group or other topical discussion group
- overseeing a regular prayer time such as mid-day prayer
- being available for individual Spiritual Direction and/or mentorship

While much of the Internship will consist of the above named activities, the Spiritual Formation Intern will also participate as a valuable member of our community, developing relationships informally in the context of the art studio and by assisting with meals, light office work, events, or other tasks, as needed. This will give the Intern the chance to develop a holistic and relationally-oriented view not only of the artists, with all of their gifts and challenges, but also of this ministry as a whole, as the Intern discerns his/her specific calling within a greater theology of ministry.

This is an unpaid internship but can be for credit. If for credit, it is the intern’s responsibility to provide the appropriate paperwork from the academic institution. Imagine Art will work in good faith with both the student and the institution to meet its attendant responsibilities and requirements as an internship placement site.
Desirable Qualities of the Spiritual Formation Intern:

- Willingness to engage relationally while on site with the artists of Imagine Art, all of whom have some form of disability
- Some knowledge and/or interest in at least one of the following: spiritual direction; pastoral care; visual art; general aesthetics; disability (general); autism; mental illness; addiction recovery
- Professional demeanor combined with compassion, patience, and a good sense of humor

Dates and Times:

The internship will run for one term, roughly February 15, 2014 – May 15, 2014 (exact dates TBD).

Hours: About 12 hours per week, as determined by both parties. Imagine Art has working hours of 9am – 4pm Monday through Friday, along with Men’s Night (4-8pm Tuesdays) and Women’s Night (4-8pm Wednesdays) in the art studio, plus other occasional evening and weekend exhibits and events. The intern will be eligible, for Imagine Art’s purposes, to flex their hours, within reason, in these time frames.

Placement Supervisor Information:

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