

## What would being an Intern look like?

Most interns will both provide biblical counselling and also train others.

Their ministry to individuals might happen in the context of an established church-based counselling ministry but usually it will be part of the church's ordinary pastoral care.

We would encourage them to run training courses for members of their local church and where possible to make these courses available to other churches in their area.

Each intern will need a local supervisor from their own church with responsibility for their supervision and accountability. The local supervisor will liaise with the intern's mentor as required.

## Ongoing support

As well as regular supervision meetings for pastoral accountability, interns will have occasional meetings with their mentor who will normally produce short written reports summarising their reflections on the intern's work and development.



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# Church-based Intern Scheme

Helping churches develop biblical counselling in ministry



Biblical Counselling UK's Church-based Intern Scheme seeks to assist churches who want to develop a biblical counselling approach to ministry.

Where a local church has identified an individual with training and gifting in biblical counselling, this scheme provides a framework to support that person's development and the development of their ministry.



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## Who is it for?

Applicants will normally have completed the two-year certificate programme offered by Biblical Counselling UK or have equivalent training and experience.

## Why is such a scheme needed?

As biblical counselling is still relatively new to the UK, this scheme aims to help churches discover the benefits of a biblical counselling approach.

## What are the benefits for the individual, and for the church?

Many churches recognise that their resources to help people with 'problems of daily living' are more limited than they would wish. This scheme seeks to develop local resources and foster a culture within the local church that mobilises the body of Christ in 'one-anothering' ministry.

In some cases an intern might also support the provision of training events to stimulate an interest in biblical counselling ministries in other local churches as well.

Where needed, Biblical Counselling UK is able to provide churches with grants to support the living and working expenses of an intern.

## What other benefits are there?

Each intern is linked with a mentor who has experience in pastoral ministry to encourage the intern's personal development. We also facilitate peer support groups where interns meet, either electronically or in person, to provide mutual encouragement and as a stimulus to further reading and study.

## What would having an Intern look like for the church?

Instead of a 'one-size-fits-all' approach, we are keen to adapt internships to suit the local situation in a way that will reflect the strengths and experience of each particular intern. While an internship may involve establishing new ministries, often the focus will be on improving existing ministries rather than starting something new.

Where an internship works well, we expect a vision for richer personal ministry to develop across the church community. As more individuals learn that God would have them move toward others in their difficulties and as 'one-anothering' becomes a more routine part of discipleship, we hope the culture of church life would begin to change.

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