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Consortium of Christian Study Centers receives \$176K from M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust over two years

Grant to fund national Internship Program

CHARLOTTESVILLE — The Consortium of Christian Study Centers has been awarded \$176,000 from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Washington in support of its Internship Program that deploys recent college graduates to serve Christian Study Centers around the country.

The grant is part of the Murdock Trust’s Vision and Call Internship Program, which “launches young adults into their vocation through faith-based internships.” The grant was announced November 24, 2021.

The Internship Program serves college graduates interested in pursuing the integration of Christian faith and learning with life and vocation in the context of a Christian Study Center. The program provides a transformative experience for young adults, educating and empowering them in the early days of their career.

“We were excited about the Internship Program even before this partnership with the Murdock Charitable Trust, but the expertise and training they can contribute will make the program even stronger still,” says Karl E. Johnson, Executive Director of the Consortium of Christian Study Centers. “We aim to sustain and even to grow this program over time, which makes it a very significant development for the Christian Study Center movement.”

The Consortium recruits, trains, and deploys interns to member centers. Interns explore faith and vocation at a Christian Study Center as they gain experience in programming, operations, and fundraising. Interns receive a vocational mentor and ongoing training with a cohort of other young professionals.

“The Murdock Trust Vision and Call program is a perfect fit for the Consortium’s efforts to raise up a generation of leaders in the Christian Study Center movement,” says Charity Wahrenberger, Internship Program Director.

ABOUT CONSORTIUM OF CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTERS

The Consortium of Christian Study Centers exists to advance the growth and effectiveness of Christian Study Centers at colleges and universities. The Consortium pursues this mission through three strategies: empower existing Christian Study Centers, catalyze new study centers, and raise awareness of the study center movement. www.cscmovement.org

ABOUT M.J. MURDOCK CHARITABLE TRUST

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