



ACLS Graduate Internships on the Spiritual Infrastructure of the Future 2026

Project Organization	Quaker Action for Migrant Justice American Friends Service Committee
Location	Philadelphia, PA
Stipend	\$15,400
Duration	9 weeks, Summer 2026

ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

Guided by the Quaker belief in the divine light of each person, the [American Friends Service Committee](#) (AFSC) works with communities and partners of all faiths worldwide to challenge unjust systems and promote lasting peace by nurturing the seeds of change and respect for human life to fundamentally transform our societies and institutions. AFSC has three strategic program goals: Just and Sustainable Peace—building conditions for peace, protecting civic space, upholding human dignity and rights, and reducing reliance on criminalization; Just Economies—supporting community initiatives for food justice, housing rights, and sustainable incomes while challenging inequality and corporate abuse; and Just Responses to Forced Displacement & Migration—working for a world where all people have the power to determine where they live by addressing migration drivers and supporting migrants and refugees.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Quaker Action for Just Migration project will establish a network of Quaker congregations committed to acting for migrant justice in direct alignment with AFSC's mission and strategic goals, joining together those experienced in the work and those new to it. Members of the Quaker Action for Just Migration Network will share, learn, and support each other in activism to ensure the rights, safety, and dignity of migrant communities in the US. The fellow will contribute to communications and community engagement work in establishing and growing this network. The fellow will support the supervisor, AFSC's Director of Quaker Engagement, in a number of project activities, including recruiting Quaker congregations to join the Quaker Action for Migration Justice Network (QAMJN) through in-person and online presentations with Quaker audiences, collaborating with AFSC's Director of Migration Justice and relevant staff working on migration justice in NH, NJ, CO, CA, OR, and FL to identify ways to engage Quakers in AFSC's local program work. The fellow will distribute project-related materials (posters, brochures, etc.) to Quaker communities by mail and develop a plan with AFSC's Director of Quaker Engagement to transfer management of the network and data collected. The internship appointment is for 9 consecutive weeks, with an expected time commitment of approximately 37.5 hours per week.

Key Responsibilities:

- Outreach to Quaker Community: Maintain a database of relevant stakeholders and representatives from Quaker communities.
- Conduct exploratory research on current work being done within Quaker communities/congregations.
- In collaboration with members of QAMJN, develop a set of goals for the network.
- Host regular meetings with representatives from QAMJN Quaker congregations to generate organizing for collective action and impact.
- Produce a project webpage, featuring participating congregations and an FAQ.
- Gather and begin posting educational resources for the webpage and write 1-2 short articles which give guidance for effective activism using examples from Quaker communities.

Qualifications:

- PhD student in any field of the humanities or humanistic social sciences, with a dissertation/research focus on the study of religion. Read more about eligible fields [here](#).

This position is *only* available through the ACLS Graduate Internships on the Spiritual Infrastructure of the Future program. You may *not* contact the host institution to inquire about this position.



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- Experience with community outreach and/or interest in developing skills/experience in community engagement.
- Ability to organize, plan ahead, and prioritize multiple tasks while meeting deadlines.
- Comfort and appreciation for working in a diverse and inclusive work environment.
- Respect for Quaker values and testimonies, and knowledge of the American Friends Service Committee's principles and philosophy, including non-violence and the belief in the intrinsic worth of every individual across cultural, ethnic, racial, gender, and religious differences.

Preferred

- Interest in migration justice and faith-based community organizing.
- Facilitation skills and/or experience.
- Confidence with using Microsoft Office Suite software (including Word, PowerPoint, Teams, Outlook, and Excel) and a willingness to learn how to develop digital content for a webpage.

APPLICATIONS

- Information on the Graduate Internships on the Spiritual Infrastructure of the Future Program: <https://www.acls.org/competitions/acls-graduate-internships-on-the-spiritual-infrastructure-of-the-future/>
- All applications must be submitted through the ACLS Online Fellowship Application System (ofa.acls.org).
- Application deadline: **Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 9 PM EST.**