

St. Michael's Choir School & University of Toronto

Conducting and Music Education Internship

Overview:

St. Michael's Choir School invites applications for its 2024-2025 Conducting and Music Education Internship. This unique opportunity offers current University of Toronto students hands-on experience and mentorship from the Choir School's conductors. The program reflects SMCS's commitment to developing future leaders in conducting, education, and church music. This is a part-time, 10-week position (in-person), starting February 3, 2025.

About St. Michael's Choir School:

St. Michael's Choir School provides sacred music of the highest calibre for St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and the Archdiocese of Toronto. SMCS offers rigorous musical training through daily choral rehearsals, classroom instruction in music theory, and individual piano lessons for boys in grades 3-12. SMCS performs regularly in concerts, tours, and liturgical services, sharing the joy of sacred music with the community.

Internship Highlights:

The internship provides practical experience in:

- **Repertoire Selection:** Collaborate with conductors to choose choral works that align with the choir's musical goals.
 - **Rehearsal Leadership:** Watch and conduct in rehearsals, refine vocal techniques, and enhance musical interpretation.
 - **Classroom Management:** Develop skills in leading rehearsals and music instruction for boys in grades 3-12.
 - **Mass Participation:** Contribute to liturgical services and Mass performances at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.
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Structure:

- **Mentorship:** Work closely with experienced conductors Teri Dunn, Walter Mahabir, and Bryan Priddy. Regular mentorship sessions will help set learning goals and provide feedback.
 - **Schedule:** Attend rehearsals three days a week (15 hours), with occasional weekend Mass participation.
 - **Responsibilities:** Assist in rehearsals, lead warm-ups, create lesson plans, support theory lessons, and serve as a substitute conductor as needed.
 - **Performance Opportunities:** Interns may be invited to conduct at Masses or performances, gaining real-world conducting experience.
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University of Toronto Credit:

- The internship qualifies as an Individual Study Course through the U of T Faculty of Music, supervised by Dr. Jamie Hillman.
 - This intensive 10-week course includes project-based learning and earns academic credit.
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Additional Opportunities:

- **Travel:** Interns may join SMCS on regional or international tours, gaining exposure to diverse audiences and venues.
 - **Networking:** Connect with SMCS conductors, guest conductors, and professionals in the choral music community, opening doors for future career opportunities.
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Apply Now:

For consideration, applicants must submit a résumé and a letter explaining their interest in the internship and what they hope to gain from this experience. Documents should be submitted in PDF format to conkey@smcs.on.ca before January 13, 2025.