



Dear SLU Summer Staff Applicant,

Student Leadership University would like to give you an opportunity to be part of the SLU Staff in 2026 and are excited to announce a variety of different opportunities! As a staff member with the SLU Summer programs, you will have the opportunity to learn valuable leadership skills as you take your SLU experience to the next level. As a student at SLU, you learned things such as time and life management, people skills, goal setting, personal evangelism, and servant leadership. As a staff member, you will have the opportunity to apply all that you have learned as you get a chance to equip the next generation of leaders!

On the following pages you will find information about the staff opportunities for the summer of 2026. As you can see some positions are just for one week and some are for the entire summer- so there is quite a variety. Please take a minute and carefully read over the Summer Staff Fact Sheet before you consider applying for one or more of the positions. The responsibilities and opportunities of SLU Summer Staff vary depending on the program, and students will receive more information specific to their position if accepted. Please note that the number of applicants accepted each year depends on the varying needs of each program.

Decisions on summer staff are made on an on-going basis. While applications are not due to the office until **Saturday, February 28, 2026**, early applications will be given special consideration. If at any time throughout the application process you have questions, please feel free to contact us at (888) 260-2900 ext. 20 or at alumni@studentleadership.net. We encourage all qualified persons to apply, and we look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Nikki Hoffpauir
COO of SLU

SLU SUMMER STAFF FACT SHEET

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must have completed SLU 101, SLU 201, and SLU 301 prior to when you would serve as a SLU summer staff member.
2. Must be a minimum age of eighteen and have graduated from high school no later than June 2025.
3. Must be available to serve during the entire time period listed for the position you are applying. Dates listed below include two days of staff training before the program begins.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS:

- **SLU 101 San Antonio Alumni Staff Member:** June 22-27, 2026
- **SLU 201 Alumni Staff Member:** July 11-17, 2026
 - Only available to those who have either served at SLU 101 in a previous summer or also applying for SLU 101 San Antonio in 2026
- **SLU 101 Orlando Non-Sponsored Staff Member:** June 12-July 18, 2026
 - Non-sponsored staffers (not selected and sponsored by a sponsoring school) raise the funds to be a SLU intern. Those funds, which an estimated total equals \$4000, are due to the SLU office no later than May 15, 2026. Each non-sponsored intern is selected by the SLU Executive Staff. Applications for this position only are due on January 30, 2026.
- **SLU 301 Staff Member:** July 17-27, 2026
 - Only available to those who have served a minimum of five previous summers at SLU 201

TOP TEN QUALITIES OF A STAFF MEMBER:

1. **Strong Walk with the Lord**
Demonstrates a personal, growing relationship with Jesus Christ and models spiritual maturity.
2. **Heart for Developing Future Leaders**
Passionate about mentoring and equipping the next generation for leadership and service.
3. **Skilled in Leading Small Group Discussions**
Able to facilitate meaningful, engaging conversations that foster growth and connection.
4. **Flexible and Reliable**
Adapts well to change while consistently following through on responsibilities.
5. **Relational and Outgoing**
Naturally connects with others and builds authentic relationships with ease.
6. **Exemplary Leadership Abilities**
Leads by example, inspires others, and takes initiative with confidence and humility.
7. **Willing to Go Above and Beyond**
Committed to serving others, even when it means stepping outside of personal comfort zones.
8. **Good Sense of Humor**
Brings joy, lightness, and a positive spirit to the team and environment.
9. **Strong Interpersonal Skills and Positive Attitude**
Communicates effectively, resolves conflict gracefully, and maintains a can-do attitude.
10. **Hardworking and Dedicated**
Approaches every task with diligence, excellence, and a servant's heart.

APPLICATION TIMELINE:

Applications for SLU Summer Staff positions are accepted on an on-going basis and may be submitted at any time throughout the year, yet interviews will not begin until February 2026. Applicants are encouraged to wait to submit their applications until December 2025 so that they can include activities they are currently involved in. Once an application is received by the office, the applicant will be sent an email within two weeks confirming receipt of the application and detailing the rest of the application process.

COMPENSATION:

All travel expenses to and from the program site (flight, driving, etc.) are paid for by SLU. During the program week, all housing, food, and approved incidental expenses are also covered by SLU. SLU Summer Staff Member positions are volunteer positions; therefore, staff members do not receive a weekly stipend from SLU. The only exception to this is those staff members who are selected by the individual sponsoring schools.

SLU SUMMER STAFF APPLICATION

Please email all components of your application to alumni@studentleadership.net by the deadline.

Full Name _____ Age _____

School Attending _____ Current Level of Education _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Major Airports Near You _____ Date of Birth _____

Cell Number _____ E-mail address _____

Three Adjectives that Describe You: _____

What was your primary letter on the DISC at SLU 101? _____

Would you say you are more Task or People Oriented? _____ Task _____ People

What Enneagram Number do you most identify with (only choose 1): _____

Two References: References will not be called until a phone interview with applicant is confirmed.

Reference # 1

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Current Position: _____

How long has this person known you? _____

Reference # 2

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Current Position: _____

How long has this person known you? _____

Year Attended: SLU 101 _____ SLU 201 _____ SLU 301 _____ SLU 401 _____

Current Church: _____ **Group you came through SLU with:** _____

Please list your social media handles:

Facebook _____ Instagram _____

Twitter _____ Tik Tok _____

Please check which position(s) you are applying for:

If you are applying for more than one position, please rank positions in order of preference.

- ☐ SLU 101 San Antonio Staff Member (must be available June 22-27, 2026) **Application due 2/28/26**
- ☐ SLU 201 Staff Member (must be available July 11-17, 2026) **Application due 2/28/26**
- ☐ Summer Long SLU 101 Orlando Staff Member (must raise own support) **Application due 1/30/26**
- ☐ SLU 301 Staff Member (must be available July 17-27, 2026) **Application due 2/28/26**

APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

Your application is not complete if any of the following information is missing.

1. ***Your Current Resume***
2. ***Essay Questions*** Maximum Length: One page per question
 - a. Please share your SLU “testimony.” Explain what impact SLU 101, 201, and 301 have had in your life.
 - b. As an alumni of SLU, you are part of the SLU story and legacy. Also, having recently completed the program, you are in the unique position to know the experiences we hope to provide new participants. SLU summer staff are a big part of delivering these experiences to students. So, if you were in our shoes, what qualities and characteristics would you say makes an exceptional summer staff member? Feel free to share what you observed through your own experience as a student at SLU.
3. ***Personal Video*** - Please include a video, no longer than 4 minutes that answers the following question, “Why do you want to be a SLU Summer Staff member, and how will this position help you achieve future goals?”

APPLICATION AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the above packet of information, including the tentative timelines for the application as well as program weeks. By signing below and submitting my application, I agree to be available and to attend all required dates and times if I am accepted as a SLU Summer Staff Member. I also give permission for SLU to use my “SLU Testimony” submitted as part of my application in their various publications and social media networks.

Signature

Date