



Hillsong Leadership Academy

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the Hillsong Africa Gap Program?

Our Gap Program runs from February to December each year. It allows you to give a year of your life to grow in your knowledge of practical ministry as you become immersed in the day-to-day life of Hillsong Church Africa. The program consists of weekly team meetings, leadership development, Bible Studies, department specific work and much more. You will be given the opportunity to learn from great leaders, grow in your character and spiritual walk, work hard and be encouraged in who God has called you to be. The Gap Program will challenge you, inspire you and stretch you to your full potential in building God's house. While students will serve primarily in one ministry area, you will be exposed to a broad range of ministries and experiences.

2. What does the ideal candidate look like?

The ideal candidate: Represents and lives a life fully committed to Jesus.

Fully supports the vision of Hillsong Church.

Is ready and willing to do whatever it takes, exciting or mundane, to build the local church.

3. How much does the Gap Program cost?

The Gap Year cost is R6600 for the year. There are 3 different payment plans available:

1. A once-off, upfront payment option. Please note that there is a 10% discount available on the total fees should you wish to choose this option, making it a once-off payment of R6000.

2. A monthly payment option of R600 per month across 11 months, starting from 1 February and ending on 1 December.

3. A three-part payment option of R2000, payable across 3- month periods.

Please note, should your application be successful, you would be required to pay a deposit of R600 to secure your spot. This will go toward your first month's payment, or deducted from the total amount, should you wish to make use of the upfront payment option. There are different payment methods available, such as online payments, card payments etc. These details will be made clear during the interview process.

Please also note that this fee is for participating in the Gap Program and does not include housing, food, transport or living expenses.

4. A typical week at a glance:

The program runs 4 days a week; on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and a full day & evening on Sunday. Although our office hours are from 9am to 5pm mid-week, there are many instances where students may be required to arrive early or leave late. Students are involved in serving at all events hosted by Hillsong Church Africa. The annual events include: Sisterhood, Colour Conference, Youth and Young Adults Conferences, Men's Conference, Kidsfest, Christmas Spectacular and many more.

5. Do we have holidays or breaks?

Our program is broken up into 3 terms in the year. Students receive a break at the end of each term to refresh and get ready for the following term. The dates for these breaks will be communicated by the start of the program.

6. Accommodation and transport?

Accommodation is not provided by the Gap Program. Students are welcome to get in contact with one another and rent a flat or a house together.

While Cape Town, Johannesburg, Pretoria and Centurion do all have public transport systems for traveling to and from many of the areas, they are not of a nature that they can be relied on for punctuality and safety. While many people do make use of them during the day, they're not a great option in the evenings. We strongly advise you to save up and purchase a car for the year, if possible, as we have many evening, mid-week and weekend events that require you to have your own transport. If you would like some more information on transport and accommodation options, please contact us at gapy-ear@hillsong.co.za

7. What do I need to budget for?

If you are going to be living by yourself, please keep in mind the following things to work into your budget: rent, transport, food, other living expenses, Gap Year fees and Church events & conference registration fees.

These include:

Church event costs: Approximately R900 for Conferences across the year.

Gap Year fees: R6000 once off (includes 10% discount) or R600 a month across 11 months or R2000 across 3 parts (which amounts to R6600 as explained earlier).

8. Once I have completed the program what's next?

Previous students have gone on to study at university, Hillsong College or work in various fields. We believe God takes you on an incredible journey throughout the year and reveals your next season when the time is right.

As a student community, we do take time out to pray and chat about this at different times throughout the year.

9. Can I work while participating in the Gap Program?

You must be able to demonstrate financial stability in order to become a Gap student, therefore having sponsors or saving up for the year beforehand is vital. We encourage students to work part-time (Monday, Saturday and some evenings), as long as it does not interfere with the Program schedule.

10. What does Bible College look like?

We are not a full-time Bible College and therefore do not offer accreditation or degree courses. Our program does however consist of lectures once a week. The Bible course we offer is designed to help students get a better understanding of the Bible and to grow in their own personal walk with God. Homework is assigned and must be completed as part of the program. Upon graduation students will receive a Certificate of Completion for the Program, which includes Bible College.

11. Do I need to be fluent in English?

Yes, our church is an English-speaking church. While you will not be required to speak professional English, you do need to be able to confidently hold conversation or write and respond to an email effectively.

12. What kind of visa do I apply for?

International students will need to apply for a volunteer visa for the duration of your time in South Africa. We will assist you with the necessary documentation when you start the visa process.

13. What is the application process?

Below are 5 simple but important steps to follow in order to complete your application successfully:

STEP 1: APPLY

Complete the Application Form online

STEP 2: (FOR OUR CREATIVE STREAM APPLICANTS ONLY)

Please submit a video clip of you either singing or playing your instrument or submit a copy of your previous work in photography, video editing, graphic design etc, as is relevant to your application also using the email address listed above.

STEP 3:

You will be contacted by our team to schedule an interview appointment.

STEP 4:

You will receive notification via email as to whether your application has been successful or, after the interview is completed.