

CCSI ASSOCIATE CENTERS



If you have gone to the effort to find this document, download and read it, I'm guessing that you love college students, and that you share our commitment to equip a new generation of leaders who think clearly, believe deeply, love generously and live passionately in service to God and his world.

We believe that creating "kingdom partnerships" through Associate Centers is a great way to do this, and would like you to consider partnering with CCSI.

Our goal is to create a win-win-WIN opportunity: a win for you and your student ministry, a win for CCSI and the fulfillment of our mission, and, together, a greater WIN for the Kingdom of God than either of us might achieve on our own.

The win for CCSI is an opportunity to fulfill our mission of bringing the resources of Christian scholarship and Christian community to secular campuses without the overhead of a salaried director and staff.

Here is what we see as the win for you: adding CCSI's ministry resources to your own at no cost to you. We can expand and enrich what you are already doing in your work with college students!

What will CCSI bring to the table in this partnership?

- ◆ Through our academic and residential programs we will attract new students who will likely be part of your ministry.
- ◆ Through our academic programs we will teach students how to love God with their minds, and will equip them to think with a Christian mind and speak with a Christian voice. *Because students can take these courses for credit toward their university degree, they are not committing extra-curricular time (which you want a part of for your ministry) to gain a greater breadth and depth in Christian worldview!*

To see what that entails, **click here** to visit the “Christian Scholarship” menu on our website.

- ◆ Through our residential program we will provide opportunities for students to grow together in Christ through community, and give an important “looking glass” opportunity for their unbelieving friends to see grace and truth in real life. Many students who wouldn't darken the door of a church will visit their friends at a CCSI house and join residents for a meal, house event, or just to “hang.” In the process they see Christian faith in action.

(We fully affirm the strategy of putting Christian students in dorms and Greek houses for evangelistic purposes. We also believe, however, that there is room for, and power in, the corporate witness of students living together in community and practicing Christian hospitality with their non-Christian friends and classmates!)

- ◆ Our residential facility will provide another venue for you to connect with students, such as small-group Bible studies and fellowship and outreach events.
- ◆ Through our central administrative staff and enabling technology (real-time, audio-visual interaction) we will handle all employment matters related to our academic and residential programs.
- ◆ We will take full responsibility for all financial obligations and transactions related to our academic and residential programs.
- ◆ We will handle all property management, insurance, leases, billing and food service matters.

What will you bring to the table in this partnership?

- ◆ An established presence in your university community.
- ◆ A developed ministry of outreach and discipleship (which we will diligently seek not to duplicate, and with which we will seek to avoid schedule conflicts).
- ◆ Assistance in discovering students who would like to participate in our academic and residential programs.
- ◆ Trusted students from your ministry who will play leadership roles in our residential community (Residential Director, Residential Advisors) and seek to connect residents to your ministry.
- ◆ Staff support, encouragement and accountability: Paid student staff will *report* to CCSI for their employment, but will *relate* to you in their day-to-day ministries.

- ◆ Connection with local Christian realtors who will assist CCSI in locating potential residential facilities and investors.
- ◆ Assistance in forming a local advisory committee of adults in the larger university community who will advise CCSI on their perceptions of the ministry, and who will help connect students with Christian families while they are away from their own homes.

Ready to start a conversation to explore this possibility?

Click here to begin email communication, and then we can exchange phone numbers.

To learn more about CCSI and our study centers, **click here** to visit our website.

To learn more about me, **click here** to visit my personal website.

Thank you for considering this strategic possibility!



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