



# Church-InterVarsity Partnership Models



## Primarily Church Ministry

InterVarsity Staff as  
consultant/volunteer

### Pros:

- **Have a thriving bible study** that is growing - win for the Kingdom
- **Students are engaged in mission** on campus
- **Church volunteer gets trained** in core ministry skills needed to develop missional community on campus
- **InterVarsity staff provides** resources, wisdom, and experience to be effective in this context
- **Doesn't require a full time staff** or full time church volunteer
- **Less complex.** Clearer understanding of church's role and InterVarsity's role

### Cons:

- **This ministry would not get affiliated** with InterVarsity, so it would not be counted nationally. Area director would need to help staff interpret the win in light of the Kingdom of God.
- **Can break down** if church volunteer does not value and apply InterVarsity staff input.

## InterVarsity & Church Partnership

Equal partnership between  
church and InterVarsity

### Pros:

- **Plant a full chapter** on campus where students are reaching students
- **Opens the maximum resources** from InterVarsity and Church - potentially get the best of both
- **Activates InterVarsity staff** to be a full partner and to bring the best he or she has to serve the ministry and the church
- **Chapter gets affiliated** with InterVarsity nationally
- **Church volunteer gets trained** in core ministry skills needed to develop missional community on campus
- **Doesn't require a full time staff** or full time church volunteer

### Cons:

- **Most complex** of the 3 options
- **Requires high level of relationship** and trust
- **Requires greater flexibility and openness** towards new ways of doing things. Mutual respect and submission.

## Primarily InterVarsity Ministry

Church as volunteer  
that helps lead

### Pros:

- **Plant a full chapter** on campus where students are reaching students
- **Chapter gets affiliated** with InterVarsity
- **Opens up maximum resources** from InterVarsity, in addition to resources from the church
- **Opportunity to build** InterVarsity DNA into the chapter
- **Church volunteer gets trained** in core ministry skills needed to develop missional community on campus
- **Potential to develop strong partnerships** that can anchor the ministry in the midst of staff transitions.
- **Staff gains ministry partner;** does not require a full time staff or full time volunteer
- **Less complex.** Clearer understanding of church's role and InterVarsity's role

### Cons:

- **Requires clear communication** with church about role of the volunteer and how the volunteer will be developed