

CRS University Chapter DIY Training

UPDATED FALL 2021

Use this guide to onboard new chapter members or to host a training for your whole chapter, if your chapter was unable to attend this year's Fall Trainings. If you are planning on hosting a training for your whole chapter, please reach out to your CRS contact in advance so that they can support you. If you do not know who your CRS contact is, you can email university@crs.org.

OPENING REFLECTION

Reflect: Reflect on [this quote](#) from Fratelli Tutti. What words and phrases stand out to you? What would need to change for the world to truly “dream together”?

Pray: [“Because We Are Yours”](#)

WHO IS CRS?

Review: Review the [“Who is CRS?”](#) slide deck that can be found at the bottom of the [Fall training materials page](#) of the CRS University website. See full instructions in the “notes” section below each slide.

Watch: A [Facebook Live interview](#) with Rafael Merchan, Program Manager with CRS Guatemala.

Reflect: What from the interview resonated with you? Challenged you?

Optional: Review [“The CRS Approach: Integral Human Development”](#) slide deck that can be found at the bottom of [the Fall training materials page](#) of the CRS University website. See full instructions in the “notes” section below each slide.

INTRODUCTION TO CRS CHAPTERS

Watch: [This short video](#) about the role CRS Chapters played in getting the Global Child Thrive Act signed into law last year.

Read: [CRS University Chapters Overview](#)

Watch: [Overview of Chapter Opportunities](#)

Reflect: Which aspects of CRS Chapters are most exciting to you?

TAKE ACTION: ADVOCACY

Watch: [FY22 Appropriations Briefing](#)

Read: [FY22 Appropriations Background](#) and [Appropriations Chart](#), which can be found under the “Current Legislation” section of the [Leadership and Action Resources page](#) of the CRS University website.

Act: Take action to support international poverty-reducing humanitarian and development aid in the FY22 federal budget by filling out an [action alert](#). You can also access the action alert by texting “CRSU Hunger” to 677-68. Be sure to personalize your action alert, explaining why you care, to make your action ten times more effective.

TAKE ACTION: FUNDRAISING

Review: [CRS Rice Bowl website](#)

Reflect: What, if any, new ideas do you want to implement as part of CRS Rice Bowl this year?

Review: Review [CRS' Fundraising Toolkit](#) and [Community Giving webpage](#). Click on the tiles that say "Fundraising Toolkit" and "Community Giving" on the [Leadership and Action Resources page](#) to access the resources.

Reflect: Which of these resources might you want to use with your community?

PLANNING SESSION

Read: [Campaign & Chapter Calendar](#)

Reflect: As you reviewed the planning calendar, what opportunities do you see?

Read: [University Chapter Roles](#)

Reflect: How will the members of your chapter fulfill these roles?

Plan: If you haven't already done so, decide when your chapter will meet each month to complete the monthly action sheets and conduct other planning.

CLOSING

Pray: Use this [commissioning service](#) or pray "[Call Us Forth](#)" to close.

NEXT STEPS

1. Mark your calendars for the second Saturday of every month at 1:00p.m. Eastern so that you can join the National Chapter Conference Call to hear from dynamic guest speakers, get legislative updates, hone your skills, and celebrate the successes of chapters across the country.
2. If you have not yet reached out to your CRS contact, please do so as soon as possible so that they can support you in planning and next steps and ensure that the members of your chapter are on the email list to receive the monthly action sheets. If you do not know who your CRS contact is, email university@crs.org.