

Job Title: *RISE Intern: Greater Good Greenville*

Internship Description

This internship is part of the Riley Institute Summer Experience (RISE). RISE interns will work with an organization for 10 weeks over the summer to increase the organization's capacity for community impact work, helping them address critical public issues. Additionally, RISE interns will meet weekly on Furman's campus to work on internship goals and learn about various career paths related to community impact and/or public policy work.

Greater Good Greenville aims to multiply the good of nonprofits, philanthropic funders, and caring community members with know-how, resources, and connections to each other for collective action on the community's most pressing challenges. Nonprofits, philanthropic funders, and caring Greenville County residents turn to Greater Good Greenville because they help them do "greater good," both on their own and in partnership with each other, to achieve an inclusive and vibrant Greenville County where all people can thrive.

The values of Greater Good Greenville are:

- We ask "why?" and "why not?"
- Our work is by community, for community
- Trust is at the heart of collaborative work
- We celebrate authenticity

Greater Good Greenville offers:

- Training and Coaching: Best practices for nonprofits and funders
- Networking: Connections and stronger relationships for nonprofits, funders, caring community members, elected officials, and others
- Nonprofit Directory: Research and donate to local causes in Greenville County
- Civic Education and Podcast: Insights on local and state government
- Project Management: Collaboration on major opportunities, such as community data indicators

At Greater Good Greenville, we are proud to offer outstanding internship experiences to students. Our internships include the creation of a work product that is marketable in one's career search, exposure to numerous community leaders, an adaptable approach to the internship experience to offer opportunities that fit the student's emerging discernment of what they might be interested in post-graduation, and a full day of work.

For the summer of 2025, we have three focus areas for which we are seeking RISE interns:

1. **Study of and presentation on high impact coalitions** – Intern(s) will research advocacy and working coalitions to understand different types of coalitions and attributes that

lead to success, and they will assess coalitions in Greenville County alongside local leaders engaged in advocacy work. At the end of the internship, intern(s) will prepare a report and presentation to share with Greater Good Greenville's Advocacy Roundtable.

2. **Communications campaign on Greenville County nonprofits and funders** – Intern(s) will prepare a communications campaign to roll out from the end of the internship through year end 2026 that features a wide variety of nonprofits and philanthropic funders in Greenville County. Activities will include collecting and creating video content, blog posts, and social media content along with calls to action. Activities may also include managing a database and directory of nonprofit organizations (ideal for someone interested in nonprofit management or work in philanthropy).
3. **Support for 2026 voter education and turnout activities** – Intern(s) will assess results of 2026 statewide primary and create a report and presentation on voter turnout for wide community distribution. They will assist with preparation for the 2026 general election, including scheduling candidates for podcast interviews and creating messaging to support voter turnout in a manner that is nonpartisan and not focused on any particular candidate.

There will be additional duties assigned throughout the internship to each intern.

Expected learning outcomes & professional skills: Students will gain:

- Exposure to a wide variety of nonprofits, philanthropic funders, and community leaders
- Strategic communications experience
- Practice analyzing real-world qualitative and quantitative data
- Experience producing a report for wide public consumption
- Project management experience
- LOTS of tangible accomplishments to cite on your resume
- Knowing you've played a meaningful role in shaping the future of Greenville County's civic infrastructure

Work setting: Greater Good Greenville's office is at the NEXT Innovation Center near downtown Greenville on the Swamp Rabbit Trail. It's a vibrant location with lots of collaborative workspaces and meeting rooms. Interns will have a dedicated desk in the co-working space. Additionally, interns will find themselves all over the county as they complete their responsibilities. As such, much of your time will be on the road and in the community. Having your own transportation is a requirement for this internship. Some of the work will take place outside of normal business hours, including weekday evenings and potentially a weekend date or two, so flexibility with work hours is key. Students will arrange their week off with the executive director, but students must work the week of August 3rd.

Training and support: On the first day of work, Greater Good Greenville will provide a half day orientation to the organization and the overall Greenville community, lunch with several team and board members, and then an afternoon orientation to civic infrastructure and the nonprofit and philanthropic community. Interns will also receive readings to expand their knowledge over the course of the internship. Greater Good Greenville will provide regular and close supervision so interns can be successful and enjoy responsibility and autonomy over meaningful work without feeling alone. Interns will have a site supervisor and mentor – Katy Smith, executive director of Greater Good Greenville – with whom they will participate in regular check-ins to discuss progress and learning outcomes.

This is a full-time (35 hrs/wk) internship, spanning 10 weeks during the summer (June 8 – August 14). Supervisors may grant up to 5 days off, in addition to any summer holidays observed by the organization.

Students hired for a RISE internship should apply for funding, transcript credit, and discounted campus housing through Furman’s internship office *by March 31, 2026*. In addition to the stipend received from the internship office, the Riley Institute will cover the cost of campus housing for students living on-campus.

To learn more about the RISE internship program, visit

<https://www.furman.edu/riley/students/students/riase/>.

To learn more about Greater Good Greenville, visit <https://greatergoodgreenville.org/>.

Eligibility

Applicant Type: Greenville Area Applicants

Class Level: Any

Position Information

Title: RISE Intern: Greater Good Greenville

Employer Name: The Riley Institute at Furman University

Organization Description

The Riley Institute empowers emerging and established leaders—across sectors and throughout society—with the knowledge and tools to advance equity and drive social and economic progress in South Carolina and beyond. We work to strengthen public education; promote the power of diversity to help teams, organizations, and communities thrive; and elevate informed, evidence-based approaches to critical public issues. In all it does, the institute is committed to nonpartisanship and a bias-free path to change.

No. of Openings: 3

Wage/Salary: Eligible to apply for \$3,500 funding through Furman's internship office

Qualifications:

Greater Good Greenville seeks 3 interns who will work both as a team for some projects and on their own for others. Ideal Candidate Skills and Abilities (Required)

- Ability to work well on a team
- Take initiative and responsibility for actions and work
- Behave and appear in a professional and collaborative manner that reflects well on Greater Good Greenville, the Riley Institute, and Furman
- Be comfortable speaking in front of groups of people
- Ability to communicate and build relationships with a wide variety of people
- Attention to detail and follow-through

Desired Skills (Not Required) – Ideally, candidates would have one or more of these skills, and the team of 3 interns would have these skills as a group:

- Experience with Canva for social media posts, presentations, and document production
- Experience with video editing platforms (such as Canva or CapCut)
- Experience with data analysis tools, such as Survey Monkey or use of spreadsheets for data analysis
- Experience with ArcGIS and StoryMaps

Application Instructions

Here is how to apply: To apply for this position, please complete the online application linked below. You will be asked to upload a resume and answer a few questions (250 words max per question). You will also need to provide the names of two references (faculty or staff on campus preferred). You may apply for up to two RISE internships with a single application. If you do so, please make sure that you have thoroughly read the job description for each internship you apply for. Please email Kendall Gallagher-King with questions: kendall.gallagher@furman.edu.

Applications are due no later than Sunday, February 8, 2026. The Riley Institute will follow up with successful applicants via email to schedule an interview.

Apply here: <https://www.furman.edu/riley/students/students/rise/>

Contact Information

Share Contact Information: Yes

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Posting Information

Location: Greenville, SC, USA

Internship Available In? FT Summer

Days/Hours of Duration: 10 weeks, June to August

Internship Category: Riley; Community Services/Non-profits; Communications; Data Analysis; Economic/Business Development; Finance/Investments; Fundraising & Development

Industry: Community Services/Non-profits; Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations; Finance/Investment