

Job Title: *RISE Intern: Greenville Housing Fund*

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.

Greenville Housing Fund (GHF) is a nonprofit community development financial institution (CDFI) dedicated to increasing affordable housing opportunities across Greenville County, South Carolina. Founded in 2018, GHF works at the intersection of housing finance, policy, and community development to ensure that working families, seniors, and vulnerable populations have access to safe, stable, and attainable housing.

Guided by values of collaboration, care, learning, data-driven decision-making, and embracing change for good, GHF deploys capital through loans, grants, and strategic partnerships to support affordable rental developments, homeownership initiatives, and housing stabilization programs. Since its founding, GHF has contributed to the development or preservation of over 1,840 affordable housing units and continues to expand its role as a catalyst in Greenville's housing ecosystem.

The RISE Intern at Greenville Housing Fund will gain applied experience at the intersection of public leadership, housing policy, nonprofit governance, operations, and community systems change. This position is ideal for students interested in public policy, political science, urban planning, public administration, or leadership studies who seek hands-on exposure to how policy, governance, and nonprofit systems operate at the local level.

The intern will assist with core operational and governance-support functions, including reporting, organizing internal workflows, supporting internal policy and procedure updates, assisting with board governance materials, and contributing to audit preparation. Working closely with the Vice President of Operations and Program Manager, the intern will support the launch and sustainability of housing programs, contribute to the community resource list, and help maintain the organization's GIS housing map and public-facing website.

The intern will attend meetings with public officials, community partners, and Board members, gaining direct exposure to public-sector leadership, nonprofit governance, and cross-sector collaboration. Through participation in policy discussions, board engagement, community outreach, and the implementation of organizational strategy, the intern will observe how data, capital, governance, and the public converge to shape housing access and neighborhood stability.

Greenville Housing Fund is a fast-paced, mission-driven organization that treats interns as contributing team members. The intern will be exposed to high-level community partnerships, real estate finance strategy, and public-sector collaboration. This is an excellent opportunity for students interested in understanding how systems, capital, and policy intersect to create meaningful community impact.

Expected learning outcomes & professional skills: By the end of the internship, the student will have developed competencies in policy-informed decision-making, systems thinking, stakeholder engagement, nonprofit governance, and public-sector communication – skills essential for careers in public leadership, government, advocacy, and community development.

Work setting: Primarily in-office with some flexibility for remote work as appropriate. The internship will also include community-based meetings and site visits to affordable housing developments and partner organizations.

Training and support: The intern will receive a structured orientation to Greenville Housing Fund's mission, programs, financial model, and community partnerships. Ongoing supervision will be provided through weekly check-ins with the site supervisor and mentor – Tiffany Santagati, VP of Operations – as well as project-based coaching, and exposure to leadership meetings. The intern will also receive professional development guidance throughout the 10-week experience.

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/rise/>.

To learn more about Greenville Housing Fund, visit <https://greenvillehousingfund.com/>.

Eligibility

Applicant Type: Greenville Area Applicants

Class Level: Any

Position Information

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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: 1

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

Qualifications:

- Strong written and verbal communication skills, including professional email and briefing memo drafting
- Analytical and critical thinking skills with the ability to synthesize policy, data, and community impact information
- Interest in public policy, housing systems, local government, nonprofit governance, or community development
- Basic data management and reporting skills; familiarity with Excel, GIS, or dashboards is a plus
- Professional judgment, discretion, and reliability when working with leadership and board-level information
- Ability to work independently while collaborating effectively within a multidisciplinary team
- Intellectual curiosity and comfort engaging with complex systems, policy discussions, and public-sector environments

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; Finance/Investments; Government; Data Analysis; Economic/Business Development

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