

## **Job Title: *RISE Intern: Institute for Child Success***

### **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.

Launched in 2010, the Institute for Child Success (ICS) is an independent research and applied policy organization. ICS works to create a culture that facilitates and fosters the success of all children. ICS supports policymakers, service providers, government agencies, funders, and business leaders focused on early childhood development, healthcare, and education, with the goal of improving the lives of young children prenatal to age eight and their families. ICS helps young children succeed by working with stakeholders to seek holistic solutions to complex early childhood challenges. ICS proposes smart public policies grounded in research to improve outcomes for all children. They believe in the power of bold ideas to shape the dialogue about our children's futures and build a more just society. ICS advances human-focused and equity-centered policies, partners, and practices to transform systems that impact young children and their families.

ICS seeks an Innovative Financing Intern, who will have the opportunity to work with a dynamic team dedicated to exploring and implementing financial strategies that drive social impact. This role offers hands-on experience in innovative financing models, such as impact investing, social bonds, and blended finance, with a focus on projects that address critical social and economic challenges. This internship will allow you to contribute directly to initiatives that foster positive change and enhance community well-being, providing you with a strong foundation for a career in impact-driven finance, social policy, or public service.

Your daily tasks will vary, offering a blend of research, analysis, strategic thinking, and hands-on project work. You will begin by familiarizing yourself with the organization's ongoing projects, including community development initiatives and public policy efforts, and learn about the intersection of finance and social change. Throughout your internship, you will collaborate with a diverse team of professionals, gain exposure to decision-making processes, and help shape the financial strategies that power impactful community programs. Your responsibilities will evolve as you develop deeper knowledge and insights into innovative financing tools.

#### *Expected Learning Outcomes & Professional Skills:*

- Understanding of Impact Financing: Gain a solid understanding of innovative financing structures, such as social impact bonds, development impact funds, and public-private

partnerships. Learn how these models can be used to address social issues while achieving financial returns.

- Policy and Advocacy Insights: Develop an appreciation for the role of public policy in driving social innovation and financing solutions. You will gain exposure to how policy decisions shape investment strategies, funding availability, and the broader social sector.
- Research & Analytical Skills: Strengthen your research, data analysis, and financial modeling skills, learning how to evaluate the feasibility, impact, and financial return of innovative financing solutions.

*Work setting:* This position is remote, and working hours are flexible, to be determined in consultation with the site supervisor. The intern may work from the Riley Institute office if needed.

*Training and support:* The intern will have a site supervisor and mentor: Kaitlin Watts, the director of innovative financing. They will participate in regular check-ins to discuss progress and learning outcomes. Interns will receive a comprehensive orientation and training at the start of their experience. Ongoing supervision will be provided weekly, with students setting goals at the beginning of the internship to work toward throughout the duration of the 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 the Institute for Child Success, visit*

<https://www.instituteforchildsuccess.org/>.

## **Eligibility**

**Applicant Type:** Greenville Area Applicants

**Class Level:** Any

## **Position Information**

**Title:** RISE Intern: Institute for Child Success

**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 interest in public policy, social impact, and/or community development
- Background in economics, finance, business, public policy, or a related field
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, PowerPoint, Word)
- Excellent research, writing, and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively

## **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](mailto: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; Poverty-Service

**Industry:** Community Services/Non-profits; Finance/Investment; Government