

Job Title: *RISE Intern: United Way of Greenville County*

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.

For over 100 years, United Way of Greenville County (UWGC) has united the community to help people live better, safer, and more successful lives. While their work has evolved to meet the challenges of the day, their vision remains the same: They believe everyone should have access to the tools and opportunities that empower them to achieve their full potential.

Their mission is to mobilize people and resources to improve lives, strengthen the community, and advance equity for the benefit of all. Their vision is a Greenville County where all people have access to the opportunities to achieve their full potential. UWGC serves people across Greenville County, spanning the municipalities of Greenville, Greer, Fountain Inn, Simpsonville, Mauldin, and Travelers Rest.

UWGC's values are:

- Support- We collaborate with our team, stakeholders and organizations to support our community and move our mission forward.
- Trust- With integrity and respect, we embrace transparency and build relationships with each other and the community to deliver on our promises.
- Act- Each day we show up to do our best work for our coworkers, our investors and our community by staying proactive, adaptable and innovative.
- Reflect- We reflect the change we wish to see within our communities by holding each other accountable to our mission, recognizing how our leadership today will impact the future of Greenville County.

The volunteer spirit of Greenville County fuels so much of what UWGC is able to accomplish and, each year, thousands of volunteers roll up their sleeves and donate their time to make a difference for others. The RISE intern at UWGC will support community volunteerism through projects such as:

- **Opportunity Mapping:** Collaborating across departments to identify, categorize, and map existing volunteer opportunities aligned with community needs.
- **Enhancing Volunteer Placement:** Serving as a steward of United Way's role as the county's hub for nonprofit service by using the Hands On Connect portal to inventory and assess current volunteer listings.

- **Community Partner Engagement:** Communicating with nonprofit partners to confirm volunteer needs, strengthen listings, and support high-quality engagement experiences.
- **Event & Service Project Support:** Assisting with planning and implementation of volunteer events that mobilize groups toward pressing community issues.

Day-to-Day Experience: A typical day may include reviewing volunteer postings, meeting with United Way staff or nonprofit partners, conducting research to improve opportunity mapping, updating the online portal, and assisting with hands-on service projects. The intern will work cross-departmentally and gain exposure to cross-sector partnerships that address local challenges.

Expected learning outcomes & professional skills: The intern will develop skills in project management, community engagement, outreach, data organization, and communication. They will gain a deeper understanding of how volunteerism drives community impact and how nonprofits, agencies, and residents collaborate to influence broader systems and local policy priorities.

Work setting: The RISE intern will work on-site at the UWGC office located near downtown Greenville, approximately 8 miles from Furman's campus. The intern will have designated desk space and necessary supplies (i.e. laptop, printer access, etc.) to fulfill their role.

Training and support: The intern will have a site supervisor and mentor at UWGC. They will participate in regular check-ins with the site supervisor to discuss progress and learning outcomes. UWGC will provide a thorough onboarding process and an orientation on the organization, facilitated by Human Resources and the site supervisor. They will then have department-specific training, inclusive of Community Impact, Philanthropy, Marketing, Greenville Together, and OnTrack Greenville.

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 United Way of Greenville County, visit <https://www.unitedwaygc.org/>.

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:

- **Time & Task Management:** Ability to independently prioritize tasks, manage multiple deadlines, and maintain progress using tools like calendars, task trackers, or project management software.
- **Organizational Skills:** Ability to update and maintain digital files, project materials, and workflows structured and easy to navigate.
- **Project Coordination:** Experience assisting with planning, tracking, and executing projects, including developing timelines, monitoring progress, and supporting cross-functional collaboration.
- **Relationship Building & Communication:** Strong interpersonal communication skills, with the ability to engage comfortably with colleagues, volunteers, and community partners.
- **Flexibility & Adaptability:** Able to adjust plans quickly in response to new information, shifting priorities, or unexpected challenges.
- **Research & Inquiry:** Shows curiosity through proactive information-gathering, resourcefulness, and asking thoughtful questions to deepen understanding.
- **Initiative & Independence:** Proven ability to take ownership of tasks, anticipate needs, and move work forward with adequate guidance.

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; Poverty-Service

Industry: Community Services/Non-profits; Event Planning